

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and colder at night. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and colder at night.

Victoria Daily Times

Pastimes—Vandeville, Dominion—Aladdin, Royal—Bills Burks, Variety—Charles Ray.

DEPARTURE REPORTED OF EMBASSIES FROM CITY OF PETROGRAD

Bolsheviki State British and French Ambassadors Have Left; American Embassy and Consulate Left Capital on the Night of February 27

London, March 1.—The British and French Embassies have left Petrograd, according to a message from the Russian official news agency in Petrograd which bears no date.

If, as is indicated, American Ambassador Francis has left Petrograd, the departure of the British and French Embassies takes from the Bolsheviki capital the representatives of the three most important entente countries. Sir George Buchanan, the British Ambassador to Russia, some weeks ago left Petrograd on a leave of absence. F. O. Stanley, the Counsellor of the Embassy, has been in charge. The French Ambassador to Russia is Maurice Paleologu.

Washington, March 1.—The Committee on Public Information to-day announced the receipt of official advice from its representative in Petrograd that Ambassador Francis and his wife, the American consul, the American Military Mission and the Red Cross representatives all had left Petrograd for Volodga by railroad on the night of February 27. The advice came by cable from Edgar G. Sisson, committee's representative in the Russian capital. Representatives of the Information committee, it was said to-day, will remain in Petrograd for the present to carry on the educational and information work with which they are charged. Latest reports show that the departure of President Wilson's address to Congress is practically completed throughout Russia. The total, it is said, is over 4,000,000 copies, including separate printing and distribution at Vladivostok, Odessa, Rostov, Nish and Chita, but not including 90,000 newspaper articles and an incalculable amount of partial printing editorial comment which automatically followed.

In addition, it was said, 1,500,000 messages printed in German went through the northern lines of the German army. About 200,000 were successfully worked through the southern central fronts. The committee also said that German and Austrian prisoners in Russia had been provided with copies of the press.

Consul Gone. Stockholm, March 1.—The American consul has left Petrograd, where he remained after the Embassy had departed, according to information reaching the American legation here. His consulate has been taken over by a Norwegian consul.

The latest report appears to indicate that the situation in Petrograd has taken an unexpected turn for the worse, in view of the fact that the last previous messages from the Russian capital said that the American consul would remain there after the departure of the American Ambassador and his staff in order to keep in touch with the American legation here as well as the State Department at Washington. The news agencies, the press and the diplomatic corps here are without any of the most meagre dispatches from Petrograd in the last twenty-four hours.

Washington Informed. Washington, March 1.—A dispatch from Stockholm to the State Department to-day announces the departure of the American consul from Petrograd, but makes no reference to the departure of Ambassador Francis or other diplomats.

Back to Petrograd. London, March 1.—The Russian Council of the People's Commissaries has decided to return to Petrograd, said an official Russia statement received to-day. The removal of elements of the population values in the decrease of the capital is being continued, however.

Gold and other valuables continue to be shipped away from the city, the statement adds. No previous indication that the People's Commissaries had left Petrograd had been contained in Russian advice. These Commissaries, who comprise the Russian governing body under the Bolsheviki regime, have had their headquarters at the Smolny Institute in Petrograd. Dispatches from Petrograd bring Monday's date reported the removal of the military activities to a camp outside Petrograd, but stated the Commissaries themselves were expected to remain at the Institute.

WAR ON THE GERMAN LANGUAGE IN SCHOOLS IN UNITED STATES New York, March 1.—The American League Society in a statement issued here against the compulsory teaching of German in the schools declares that New York City spends \$165,000 a year to instruct 30,000 school children in the language. "The time for the sentiment that we can not make war on a language is gone by," says the statement.

Vacant Lot Owners Should Act Quickly, States Food Board

Ottawa, March 1.—In view of the urgency of the food situation, the Canada Food Board is making a public appeal to all owners of vacant lots throughout Canada to place them freely at the disposal of the local cultivation committees.

RECTOR AT ROSSLAND.

Vernon, March 1.—Rev. H. E. Wright, M. A., who has been assisting in the Lavington and Lumby sections of the Vernon parish of the Anglican Church, has been appointed rector at Rossland and will leave for his new charge next week.

Soldiers' Votes Give the Unionist Party Lead of Sixty-eight

Ottawa, March 1.—Soldiers' votes cast in England have turned two more constituencies to the Government column, making the Union Government's majority sixty-eight. South Perth, Ontario, and Nipissing, Ontario, are the constituencies in which the changes are made. The Alberta figures will make no changes.

MAKING HISTORY IN LEGISLATURE TO-DAY

Rousing Reception Accorded to Mrs. Ralph Smith's Maiden Speech

Legislative Press Gallery, March 1. The history of British Columbia is unique in itself, but a most significant page was added to that history this afternoon when Mrs. Ralph Smith, M. L. A., widow of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, rose to deliver her maiden speech to the Legislative Assembly. For the first time a woman member of a British Columbia Parliament took part in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne on exactly the same footing and with the same force and effect as her more sombre garmented colleagues. And if the mere male legislators had any idea that their first woman member would be dismayed, it must have disappeared two seconds after the new member for Vancouver began her deliverance.

From the moment of commencement Mrs. Smith held the rapt attention of her auditors, not from the mere fact that a person of the opposite sex was talking, but from the absolute sanity and reasonableness of her viewpoint. The applause which greeted her rising was easily outdone by the chorused volume let loose as she took her seat, while the evidence of the new member's popularity with her own sex was to be found in the crowded galleries, where enthusiasm for the champion of their cause in the British Columbia Parliament was as sincere as it was enthusiastic. (Concluded on page 4.)

AUSTRIANS MOVE INTO THE UKRAINE

Berlin Alleges Advance is Result of Appeal From Ukraine

Berlin, March 1.—German troops, continuing their advance in Russia, have reached the Dnieper River, the War Office announces. Austro-Hungarian troops have begun an advance into the Ukraine. The movement of Austro-Hungarian troops, the statement says, was begun in response to an appeal from the Ukraine. The German advance to the Dnieper was made through the northern Ukraine. German troops also have reached the line Kiev-Shymoyka, near Fastoff, and Kasatin. When Signed. London, March 1.—The Russian peace delegates at Brest-Litovsk were informed that hostilities would cease only when the peace treaty was signed, says a Russian official statement received here to-day. Three days were allowed for the negotiations, beginning to-day.

Germany Advancing. London, March 1.—Dispatches received by the Exchange Telegraph Company filed in Petrograd at 5 p. m. Thursday indicate that the German advance into Russia has been resumed. A forward movement by the invaders of some thirty-five miles beyond Polotsk, midway between Dvinsk and Vitebsk, is reported in these advices, the Germans pushing on despite the fact that the railway had been blown up and the stores of provisions in their way destroyed. German troops also are reported to be moving slowly towards Luga from Pskov, at which place they are said to have concentrated a division of infantry supported by cavalry and heavy and light artillery. German troops likewise are declared to be moving on Sebesh, eighty miles northeast of Dvinsk.

BIG PATRIOTIC DRIVE IS TO OPEN MONDAY; QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED

On Monday next the great Spring drive will commence—not perhaps the long anticipated move on the Western front, but the fourth annual drive in Victoria for the Canadian Patriotic Fund. And to the man in the trenches, that drive will be fraught with issues almost as vital as will be the Allies' move, for upon its success will depend the well-being of his nearest and dearest during the coming year. Monday will see the launching of a week's campaign on behalf of Greater Victoria will be asked to renew and where possible to increase their support to the local branch, known as the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society. From the very outset of the war, the citizens of Canada were roused by Germany's breach of faith with Belgium, and rose up in their thousands to enlist in the great fight for freedom. These men went away full of a sublime confidence that the spirit of the great Canadian people would see to it that while they gave their services to the country their families should not suffer. Pitifully Small. The pay and allowances of the soldier overseas is pitifully small. It is not sufficient to support a family. The cost of living is ever on the ascendancy. It is the duty and privilege of those who have performed so manly a deed at home to see that Tommy's dependents do not suffer want. Contribution to the Patriotic Fund does not constitute an act of charity, but merely the fulfillment of a solemn obligation. Failure to support the fund means adding apprehension and agony to an already overburdened citizen-soldier. 1,400 Families. The jurisdiction of the local branch of the fund includes the City of Victoria, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, South Saanich, North Saanich, Metchohn and Sooke districts and the Islands. In this territory, 1,400 families, representing 3,588 dependents of soldiers, were receiving assistance at the end of December. It is estimated that \$300,000 will be needed for this purpose during 1918. Of this sum the citizens of Greater Victoria are asked to contribute \$50,000, the balance will be provided from the central fund at Ottawa. By subscribing liberally to this fund the people of Victoria will be able to demonstrate in practical fashion the extent and sincerity of their oft-expressed gratitude to the man who cheerfully severed home ties and went to fight his country's battles. Fifteen Trustees. The Victoria branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund is managed by fifteen trustees, all prominent local business men, assisted by an auxiliary body, the Patriotic Service Committee of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. Mrs. R. S. Day is the convener, and Mrs. W. E. Oliver the honorary secretary of this auxiliary, and the following ladies act as an executive and visiting committee: Miss Alexander, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Bell, Miss Edson, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Sydney Child, Mrs. A. Clarke, Mrs. Croft, Miss Dawson, Mrs. Dean, Miss V. Ellis, Miss Few, Mrs. Allan Fraser, Mrs. Thornton Fell, Mrs. French, Mrs. Galletly, Mrs. P. Goepel, Mrs. W. J. Goepel, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. James Harvey, Miss Haddington, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. B. Heston, Mrs. Jacob, Mrs. D. R. Kerr, Mrs. Nor-man Lee, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Lowndes, Mrs. Mayne, Mrs. McAdam, Mrs. M. Meredith, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Montizambert, Miss Montizambert, Mrs. Morley, Miss Munste, Mrs. Richard Nash, Miss Newbury, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Oldfield, Mrs. Parker, Miss Pooley, Mrs. Renwick, Mrs. Rickaby, Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. Duncan Ross, Mrs. Scurrell, Mrs. H. Simpson, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mrs. Hichens Smith, Mrs. Stanier, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Travis, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wilders, Mrs. C. Wilders, Mrs. C. Williams, Mrs. Stewart Williams and Mrs. Andrew Wright.

Teutons Attempting to Force Roumanian Monarch Off Throne

London, March 1.—The peace terms submitted to Roumania by Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, include the King's abdication in favor of his brother, Prince William, or the taking of a referendum in Roumania regarding his successor, according to a Berlin dispatch.

GERMANIZATION NOW ALARMS AUSTRIANS

Germans Bossing Helpers in Adriatic and Mediterranean; Deputy Henke's Case

Geneva, March 1.—A cry of alarm has been raised by the Tagblatt, of Graz, Austria, against the Germanization of the eastern Adriatic, especially Pola and Trieste, which have become bases for German submarines. The principal naval and military appointments are said to be held by German officers and the activities of the submarine extend from Gibraltar to Port Said. Owing to the dangerous passage through the Straits of Gibraltar, the paper says, the submarines are sent in sections by railway to Pola and Trieste from Germany. Henke Case in Germany. Amsterdam, March 1.—The German Reichstag, the Frankfurter Zeitung says, on Wednesday without debate refused the request of the Prussian court martial for authority to institute criminal proceedings against Deputy Alfred Henke, a Social Democrat. He was charged with instigating an offence against the state of siege law. During the labor outbreaks in Germany a month ago martial law was declared, in a number of the larger cities, including Bremen. It is probable that the proposed prosecution of Deputy Henke was in connection with the state of martial law in Bremen. Deputy Dittman was tried and convicted for aiding in the strike troubles in Berlin.

Germans Condemn to Die Two Members of Senate of Belgium

Amsterdam, March 1.—A German court-martial at Antwerp has condemned to death for espionage the Belgian Socialist Senators Colleaux and Legras, according to The Het Volk. Pieter Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader, has telegraphed to Philip Scheidemann, the German majority Socialist leader, appealing to him to use his influence to prevent execution of the Senators.

BELGIANS' ANSWER TO VON HERTLING

Country Must Be Free, Says Foreign Minister; No Separate Peace

Havre, March 1.—Baron de Broqueville, the Belgian Foreign Minister, has given the Associated Press the following statement concerning the recent speech by Count von Hertling, the German Imperial Chancellor: "The Belgian Government's views are known and have not changed. It affirmed them quite recently. In its answer to the Holy See on December 24 the Belgian Government said: 'The integrity of the metropolitan and colonial territory, political, economic and military importance without condition or restriction, reparation for damages and guarantees against repetition of the aggression of 1914 are the indispensable conditions for a just peace as far as Belgium is concerned.' 'The Belgian Government already has declared and repeated that it will not discuss peace except in concert with the powers who guaranteed its independence, and who have fulfilled their obligations toward Belgium.'

CODFISH PLENTIFUL AND GOOD AS FOOD

Canada Food Board Points Out Price Increase Has Been Small

Ottawa, March 1.—Reports which have been received by the fish committee of the Canada Food Board from representative wholesale distributors show that the average price of codfish in Canada is only two-fifths of one cent a pound higher to-day than it was in January, 1916, an advance of only 6 2/4 per cent in the last two years. This advance has been less than the increase in the price of almost any other food product, and in food value this fish is to-day one of the cheapest products obtainable. The fish may be purchased in Canada at from ten to twelve cents a pound, headed, depending upon locality and transportation facilities. In making comparisons, it is interesting to note that in Great Britain, Lord Rhonda has found it necessary to fix a maximum retail price of thirty-nine cents a pound, headed, for cod and haddock. Two hundred million pounds of cod were caught by Canadian fishermen last year, of which only five per cent was consumed at home. The balance of this great catch was exported to Europe, South America and other foreign points.

WASHINGTON OPINION IS MOVE IN SIBERIA WILL BE MADE SOON

Wilson Considering Plan For Joint American-Japanese Action; Bolsheviki Are Thought to Have Made New Proposal to Japanese Government

Washington, March 1.—Japan's proposal for action in Siberia has crowded German Chancellor von Hertling's speech into second place in the consideration of the officials here and there were indications to-day that decisions were being formed which soon would show themselves in some arrangement of an international character to prevent the vast stores at Vladivostok and control of the trans-Siberian Railway from falling into the hands of the advancing Germans.

The expectation that President Wilson was planning to address Congress very soon in reply to von Hertling's speech was dissipated to-day by evidence that the President is making no such plans at this time and probably does not consider it necessary to reply to the German Chancellor for the present at least.

Premier Brewster's Chance of Recovery Is Extremely Good

Although not past the danger zone the physicians in attendance on Premier Brewster are more hopeful to-day that the patient will weather the storm. The first wire received by the Acting Premier, Hon. John Oliver, this morning declared the patient's condition to be more favorable after a good rest during the night. His temperature had declined slowly to 101; he was quite cheerful and no further complications had set in. The latest advices received as The Times goes to press indicate that the Premier's chances of recovery are now considered good. It is expected that the crisis will be reached on Sunday.

GERMANS FOILED BY FRENCH TROOPS

Latter Threw Back Attacking Germans on the Aisne Front

Paris, March 1.—After a violent bombardment last night German troops made an attack on the Aisne front east of Chavignon, the War Office announced this afternoon. A violent hand-to-hand struggle followed, terminating to the advantage of the French, who threw back the Germans and inflicted heavy losses on them. The statement reads: "In the region east of Chevignon at 8 o'clock last night the enemy, after a heavy bombardment, hurled two columns against the French lines. A violent hand-to-hand conflict followed, terminating to our advantage. The Germans were thrown back after having suffered heavy losses. Prisoners remained in our hands. Another attempt against small French posts southeast of Corbeny achieved no greater success. "During the night there was active artillery fire in the region of Craonne, between the Meuse and the Aisne and in the sector of Rheims. A shell in Rheims for civilians was shelled systematically with incendiary bombs. The building was burned down. "In the Champagne during the night a series of bombardments was directed against the French front lines, particularly in the region of the heights, on both sides of Suippes and the region of the Butte-du-Mesnil. This morning enemy troops made a spirited attack against our new positions southwest of the Butte-du-Mesnil. It was broken up by our fire and the assailants were driven out except at one point, where they gained a footing in an advanced trench element. At the same time a strong German raid east of Suippes was repulsed completely. "In the Argonne French patrols took prisoners. In the Woerthe there was rather heavy artillery fighting late in the night in the sectors of Regnierville and Remenaville. Everywhere else the night was calm. "On Tuesday a French aerial squadron carried out a photographic reconnaissance as far as Mariembourg, more than fifty miles behind the German lines."

UTAH COPPER DIVIDEND

New York, March 1.—The directors of the Utah Copper Company to-day declared a quarterly dividend of \$2.60 a share, six against \$8.50 three months ago.

Outward Indications to-day were that the President was studying the question of American participation with the Japanese in Siberia to the exclusion of other subjects.

Proposal From Bolsheviki. London, March 1.—Tokio advices forwarded in a Reuter dispatch from Shanghai yesterday say that the Japanese Ambassador, to Russia, Viscount Uchida, has postponed his departure from Petrograd. It is believed, the dispatch says, that the Bolsheviki Government has made a new proposal.

No advices have been received regarding any negotiations with the Bolsheviki Government upon the outcome of which depended the presence in Petrograd of the Japanese Ambassador. Attitude of British.

London, March 1.—Japan's proposals with regard to Siberia and their reception in Washington has brought the question of Japan's active participation in military operations to the front here, the developments dominating the news columns of the papers. A Reuter dispatch quoting an Associated Press dispatch from Washington was given great prominence in the morning newspapers and was commented on extensively. Some of the papers display contributed articles setting forth the Japanese view of the situation. The bulk of the opinion favors Japan's proposed action without qualification and the plan is made in some quarters that she ought unapologetically to be trusted and given a free hand. To Be Decided Quickly.

The Times says that while the attitude of President Wilson and the State Department at Washington does not seem to be officially defined as yet, "it is clear from the Associated Press statement that it would be a mistake to regard President Wilson's attitude as decidedly averse to Japanese intervention. "Whatever view the American Government may finally adopt," it adds, "it is certain to be received with the utmost deference by the Allies. No doubt is felt in well-informed circles that the position of the United States will be determined by the logic of the situation and the single-hearted desire which President Wilson has always shown to further the best interests of the Allies. The question virtually is one of ways and means and of deciding as quickly as possible upon a policy best calculated to secure the ends in view."

Menace in East. The Post says: "Just as the United States was forced to a policy on intervention by the German menace in the west, so Japan is roused to activity by the German menace in the East. Japan is entirely justified by the danger which threatens her in taking the steps to protect her interests in Manchuria and Siberia. If she is wise she will seek to be the deliverer of Russia and to aim at freeing Russia from the German yoke. It is to be hoped that the Allies will treat Japan with confidence and the hearty spirit of co-operation which she has the right to expect as an ally. There should be no niggardly and grudging assent."

Caution Advised. The Daily News is not surprised by the widespread cry raised for Japanese action, but hopes the Allies will consider carefully all that is involved in her proposals. It contends that the intervention of Japan on terms of conquest would be a crime, and that whatever is done must be with the intention of conserving Russia's interests. "Japan's message to Washington shows she takes the correct view," adds The Daily News. "American feeling is understood to be opposed to a Japanese landing, but this view is somewhat modified by the intimation that joint action only is contemplated. That condition ought to govern any consideration of the idea."

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CANADIANS MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES FROM FIELD-MARSHAL HAIG

London, March 1.—The names of the following Canadians appear in a supplementary list mentioned in dispatches by Field-Marshal Haig:

Lieut.-Colonels E. B. Worthington and J. T. Gagnon, Majors W. C. Hyde, E. C. Rush, J. L. Lash, C. E. King and W. J. Taylor, Captain C. W. Wiggs and Captain H. Pritchard, of the Imperial forces, formerly with the Canadian corps; Lieut. James Gray, Cameron, belonging to Toronto.

Lieut. J. M. Ashby is gazetted a flying officer and Lieut. L. C. Wetford as an observer.

Lance-Sergeant W. L. Greenwood is gazetted a lieutenant in the Indian reserve officers.

NANAIMO STATISTICS.

Nanaimo, March 1.—The customs collections at this port for the month of February totalled \$53,765.69.

During the past month there have been registered with the Provincial Government agent here twenty-four births, seven deaths and ten marriages.

LICENSE PLAN FOR RETAIL DEALERS

After May 15 Butchers, Bakers and Others in Canada Must Report

Ottawa, March 1.—Following the announcement that the wholesale grocery trade would be brought under the license system by April 1, the Food Board issued regulations governing retail butchers, retail bakers, retail produce merchants, retail flour and feed merchants, retail fruit and vegetable dealers and retail fish dealers. On and after May 15 it will be illegal for any person, firm or corporation to engage in any one or more of these trades without a license from the Food Board.

The regulations make it illegal to deal in food for the purpose of unreasonably increasing the price, restricting supply or monopolizing or attempting to monopolize food products.

Destruction of any food which is fit for human consumption is made an offence, and as in the case of wholesalers, no retail dealer may knowingly permit waste or wilfully permit preventable deterioration in connection with the storing or sale of foodstuffs.

The regulations also provide for the display of the license number on all letterheads, contracts and price lists, and for reports as often and in such form as may be requested by the Food Board.

The schedule of license fees provides for a minimum fee of \$2 when the turnover does not exceed \$20,000 a year and for an additional \$2 on every additional \$20,000 a year or fraction thereof.

COST OF LIVING STILL IS MOUNTING IN UNITED STATES

Washington, March 1.—Another two per cent, added to the retail prices of food in the United States from December 15, 1917, to January 15, 1918, made a total of twenty-five per cent, which the cost of living advanced in the year ending on the latter date.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today that eleven of fifteen standard articles had increased in price from December to January, the greatest advance being eight per cent, in hams. Flour decreased two per cent, and lard, bacon and cornmeal one per cent, each.

In the twelve months from January, 1917, to January, 1918, potatoes alone registered a decline in price, being sixteen per cent, cheaper. Cornmeal advanced seventy-seven per cent, bacon, sixty-four; lard, fifty-three; milk, twenty-five; beans, twenty-nine; butter, thirty-five; eggs, twenty-three; sugar, eighteen, and flour, seventeen.

BRITISH PARTIES SCORED IN RAIDS

Successful Operations Reported Near Gonnelleu and at Houthulst Forest

London, March 1.—Field-Marshal Haig reported last night:

"Early this morning English troops successfully raided enemy trenches in the neighborhood of Gonnelleu, southwest of Cambrai. Considerable casualties were inflicted on the garrison, a machine gun blown up and a few prisoners brought back. In the raid last night south of the Houthulst Forest, Dorset, Manchester, Lancaster and Scottish troops penetrated the enemy's defences to a depth of 1,200 yards. In addition to fourteen prisoners captured, a large number of the enemy are believed to have been killed.

"Hostile artillery has shown some activity again to-day at a number of places along our front, particularly in the neighborhood of St. Quentin, southwest of Amiens and in the Zonnebeker sector."

French Report.

Paris, March 1.—The War Office announced last night:

"The artillery fire was harassing east of St. Die."

"Eastern theatre, Feb. 27.—There were patrol encounters east of Lake Dolain, and reciprocal artillery actions northeast of Monastir. Aviators bombed stations on the Seres-Drama line."

British Casualties.

London, March 1.—The British casualties reported during the month of February show a remarkable decrease as compared with the preceding months. They totalled only 18,961, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds, officers, 183; men, 4,012. Wounded or missing, officers, 468; men, 14,288.

The casualties for January reached a total of 23,617; for December, they were 79,527; while in November in which month there was severe fighting on the Cambrai front, they totalled 129,098.

German Statement.

Berlin, March 1.—An official statement issued here yesterday said:

"Front of Crown Prince Rupprecht: The British are maintaining their reconnaissance at many points on the front. At night, after violent artillery fighting, they attacked with strong forces north of the Scarpe, but were repulsed in hand-to-hand fighting."

"Front of Grand Duke Albrecht: Twenty-seven prisoners were brought in through successful raids near Les Eparges and Avocourt."

"Elsewhere there has been nothing of interest to report."

Britain's Resources.

New York, March 1.—Speaking last night before the Lotus Club here, Sir John Foster Fraser, chairman of the British Lectures Committee, said that Great Britain could not put more than about 750,000 men in the field. The assertion that Great Britain could raise additional armies of 2,000,000 men the speaker characterized as untrue.

"I know what I am talking about when I tell you that if our necessary industries are to be maintained we cannot raise more than another 750,000 men," said Sir John. "That will bring us to the top of our man-power, and we will be reaching it this summer."

The speaker added that while the British were reaching the zenith of their strength it was known that the Germans were in greater force than ever, but that their quality had deteriorated. He said there should be alarm about the result of the coming German offensive on the Western front.

"No one can say exactly where the blow will be struck," said Sir John, "but though at a terrific sacrifice the enemy may bend our line, he will never break it."

American Front.

With the American Army in France, March 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American artillery yesterday obliterated a mine-throwing position held by the enemy. A stray German shell fell on an American ammunition train, killing two and wounding four soldiers. A town behind the American lines was shelled, one soldier being killed and five wounded. A dozen shells fell in the town.

The number of soldiers suffering from the effects of the recent German gas attack was increased to-day by twenty, making the total gas casualties eighty.

MAIL FROM MEXICO SEARCHED IN CUBA TO FRUSTRATE PLOTS

Havana, March 1.—Post Office Department officials and secret service agents here are examining the mail from Mexico on the Spanish liner Reina Maria Christina. The Spanish Minister to Cuba, who is in charge of German interests here, is watching the inspection.

An unconfirmed rumor was current last night that certain documents from the interior of Mexico addressed to a German consular officer in Spain had been found. The documents were said to contain information relating to the military plans of the United States and Cuba against the Central Powers.

PLATINUM TAKEN OVER IN UNITED STATES

Washington, March 1.—An order was issued here yesterday for the commandeering for war purposes of all crude and unworked platinum in the hands of importers, jobbers and wholesalers in the United States.

FOUR MORE PLOTTERS ARRESTED IN DETROIT

Detroit, March 1.—Federal authorities here last night look into custody four Germans whom they accuse of conspiring to dynamite Canadian factories. The arrests were made, the authorities said, after they had received affidavits signed by a son and a granddaughter of one of those arrested, charging he had experimented with dynamite bombs with the intention of destroying property in Canada.

CARS TURNED OVER.

Lafayette, Ind., March 1.—Three Pullman cars, one day coach and a baggage car on the southbound Monon passenger train No. 3, Chicago to Louisville, turned over at Ashgrove, ten miles north of here, early to-day. None of the passengers was seriously injured, and their minor hurts were dressed by physicians who went from here on a relief train.

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BRYAN WAS REFUSED HEARING AT TORONTO

Disturbance at Prohibition Meeting Was Led by Returned Soldiers

Toronto, March 1.—William Jennings Bryan was refused a hearing when he appeared at Massey Hall here last night to address a prohibition meeting under the auspices of the Dominion Alliance. Returned soldiers caused the disturbance by shouting various epithets. "What about the Lusitania?" they also demanded in chorus.

For five minutes Mr. Bryan tried to make himself heard, but it was noise. The interruptions continued and the interrupters sang "Rule Britannia," forcing the audience to join in that and "God Save the King."

They inquired about the Lusitania and sang "Over There," and "We Won't Go Home Till Morning." Men stood up and shook their fist at the American ex-Secretary of State. Soldiers showed the service button on their coats and shouted defiance at those who pleaded for a hearing for the visitor.

After the band had played another air, Mr. Bryan made a brief but futile attempt to make himself heard. Then he took a chair near the edge of the platform and talked to the reporters, the noise never ceasing for an instant.

Mr. Bryan, who came to Toronto as a representative of the Anti-Saloon League of America, spoke for some time to a crowd of those who wished to hear him, and who moved up to the platform, but it was doubtful if many of them could hear him, owing to the noise.

The meeting broke up when the audience joined once more in singing "God Save the King."

Mr. Bryan was given a really attentive hearing at the Metropolitan Church, where he addressed an Alliance meeting earlier in the evening. As a strategic move the Alliance executive asked the distinguished American to speak there first, probably with the idea of soothing the antagonistic elements in the larger meeting at Massey Hall with the help of a band and other orators before the speaker of the evening arrived.

At the church the audience listened to the speaker with few interruptions. Any who came there to make trouble plainly were impressed with his eloquence and some were converted in his favor. He told them how the war could be prosecuted better and victory come sooner if there were total prohibition, not only in Canada and the United States, but in Great Britain.

Tons of grain were wasted yearly in beer and tons of coal burned up uselessly in the operation of making it.

"We have had wheatless, meatless and heatless days," said Mr. Bryan, "is it not about time we had some beerless days?"

At the conclusion of the address Mr. Bryan was given hearty applause.

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MAN MAKING \$200,000 A YEAR IS RECRUIT IN AMERICAN ARMY

Ayer, Mass., March 1.—The routine of collecting biographies of recruits for the army of the United States was broken in a somewhat startling manner by Captain Richmond P. Harding at Camp Devens yesterday.

"What's your average weekly wages?" he asked wearily of one of the last of the final quota of the first draft to arrive in camp.

"About \$3.88," came the answer.

"Weekly—weekly," repeated the Captain.

"About \$3.88," the rookie answered in the same matter-of-fact way.

The Captain sank back in his chair.

"What's your business?" he inquired.

"What are you specially trained in?"

"My business has been living a retired life for the last eight years," was the answer. "I am specially trained in investment."

The "rookie" was Harold L. Judd, of New Britain, Conn., owner of a large factory. A few years ago he was married to Mrs. John W. Gates, Jr., of New York.

WESTERN ENUMERATORS' PAY-REQUESTS CUT

Vancouver, March 1.—The complaint which has been voiced by enumerators in Vancouver Centre, Vancouver South and Burrard at the subtraction by the Auditor-General of Canada of from eight to ten days' pay has not been confined to those districts but has been made in Ottawa from other parts of the Province and from other constituencies in the Western Provinces. According to reliable information received, the Ottawa authorities have proceeded on the assumption that the work could have been done as easily as it was done in the East, but there is provision in the Act for special consideration to be given under special circumstances. The large body of enumerators in the West affected by the cut, which in its aggregate must mean a saving to the Government, are hoping that they will receive fresh consideration and have their original accounts paid.

B. C. SOLDIERS' VOTE CAST IN ENGLAND

Ottawa, March 1.—Returns of soldiers' votes taken in England received late this evening complete the election returns for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

The vote in England appears to have run even more strongly in favor of the Government than in France. The record majority for the Dominion was received by Major Andrews, the Government candidate in Centre Winnipeg. It is now more than 21,000.

The following are the British Columbia returns, the Government candidate being the first mentioned in each case:

Burrard-Crowe, 1,076; Donnelly, 33; Cariboo-Eulon, 738; Leighton, 32; Comox-Alberni-Clatsop, 309; McInnes, 16; Kootenay, East-Donnell, 34; Beattie, 17; Kootenay, West-Green, 678; Maxwell, 15; Nanaimo-McIntosh, 713; Stewart, 10; New Westminster-McQuarrie, 502; McRae, 13; Skeena-Peck, 308; Stork, 15.

(The civilian vote elected Stork by 524 majority; Peck now has 860 majority.)

Vancouver Centre-Stevens, 1,582; McTanner, 29; Stevens' majority over 4,000.

Vancouver, South-Cooper, 712; MacDonald, 4; Victoria-Tolmie, 1,337; Henderson, 4; Westminister-District-Stacey, 313; Ramsay, 12.

BANK CLEARINGS

Winnipeg, March 1.—Following are the bank clearings in the principal cities of the Dominion for the week ended yesterday as compared with the corresponding week of 1917:

	1918	1917
Montreal	\$70,490,000	\$69,503,765
Toronto	56,360,340	49,860,798
Winnipeg	38,272,429	29,602,483
Vancouver	3,219,528	4,007,375
Ottawa	4,778,080	4,844,694
Calgary	5,673,169	4,600,829
Hamilton	4,359,529	4,089,129
Quebec	3,261,943	4,051,673
Edmonton	2,740,531	2,346,746
Halifax	3,067,547	2,128,648
London	1,541,930	1,228,868
Regina	2,606,930	2,155,696
St. John	1,676,134	1,603,654
Victoria	1,676,134	1,471,372
Saskatoon	1,448,210	1,222,152
Moose Jaw	1,061,242	798,519
Brandon	442,790	289,976
Winnipeg	856,378	686,896
Fort William	584,734	465,122
Lethbridge	478,260	485,807
Medicine Hat	416,729	478,849
New Westminster	267,741	251,067

WAR TAX IN CANADA

Ottawa, March 1.—The sum of \$127,350 was netted by the Government during the month of January through the war tax, according to a statement issued from the Inland Revenue Department. The total revenue from all sources for the month was \$2,556,597.

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ATTACKS ON KAISER MADE IN PAMPHLETS

Liverpool Post Prints Translation of One Circulated During German Strike

London, March 1.—Some of the pamphlets which were circulated secretly in Berlin during the recent strike made savage attacks on Kaiser Wilhelm, a fact which was admitted and deprecated recently by the German press. One of these pamphlets, smuggled out of Germany, has reached The Liverpool Daily Post, which gives a literal translation, which in part is as follows:

"When will peace come? It will come when Germany is ready for it, and the time is approaching.

"It will come when Germany has learned the lesson of the war; when she has found, as every other nation has had to learn, that the voice of Europe cannot be denied with impunity.

"The hour of peace will strike when Germans no longer heed the makers of war—when they despise and hiss the apostles of militarism and jingoism. Peace will come when the Germans say to their Kaiser: 'You, whom we have followed and obeyed; you, for whom we have sacrificed ourselves and our dear ones; you, who have not spared our ideals and beliefs and traditions—we have sacrificed all for you, and what have we in return? Nothing but hunger and cold and nakedness, disease and death, ruin and destitution. All over the world we are despised and hated. On our forehead rests the curse of Cain. Men shun us in the streets and our language is forbidden. We have you, Kaiser Wilhelm, we have you to thank for the achievements of a century of national effort that have been lost.'

REORGANIZATION FOR CONTROL OF ARMY

Changes in Military Service Branch of Ottawa Department of Justice

Ottawa, March 1.—A reorganization of the military service branch of the Department of Justice, involving a redistribution of duties among the members of the Military Service Council, has been completed by the Government. It is understood, hereafter Lieut.-Col. H. A. Machin will be the administrative head of the military service branch, and J. H. Moss will act as public representative in cases before the Central Appeal Judge.

Mr. Justice Duff and L. A. Loringer will deal with certain important details of the enforcement of the Military Service Act, with E. L. Newcombe, Deputy Minister of Justice, as deputy head. The Military Service Council, with Mr. Newcombe as chairman, and Col. O. M. Biggar, Lieut.-Col. Machin and L. A. Loringer as members, will remain as an advisory body. Lieut.-Col. R. H. Greer, of Toronto, will be attached to the military service branch, it is reported, as legal adviser.

DENMARK DECLARES S. S. IGOTZMENDI TO BE SPANISH PROPERTY

Copenhagen, March 1.—The Danish Government has declared the S. S. Igotzmeni, which went aground near the Skaw lighthouse while in charge of a German prize crew, to be Spanish property. Her captain has taken possession of the ship and has contracted with a salvage company to refloat her.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 1.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Wounded—Lieut. W. F. Jamieson, D. S. O., Winnipeg.
Gassed—Lieut. H. Lewis, Ottawa.
Seriously ill—Lieut. J. J. McIntyre-Airth, M. C., Renfrew, Ont.
Machine Gun Company.
Gassed—Pte. C. J. Badley, Winnipeg.
Seriously ill—Corpl. J. A. MacKay, Wilmer, B. C.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Ottawa, March 1.—An increase of \$15,382,197 in the customs receipts for the eleven months of the fiscal year ended yesterday as compared with the same period last year is shown by the monthly statement of the Customs Department. The customs receipts for the eleven months of the present year were \$146,122,186, while last year they were \$130,739,989. The receipts during February were \$8,552,489, which constitutes a decrease of \$1,631,112 when compared with February, 1917, when they were \$11,190,592.

IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY.

Toronto, March 1.—At a meeting of the directors of the Imperial Oil Company, Ltd., yesterday, Walter C. Teague, president-elect of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, was succeeded as president of the Imperial Oil Company by Hon. W. J. Hanna, formerly Food Controller of Canada and Provincial Secretary of Ontario. Mr. Hanna is now in Peru in connection with the Imperial Oil Company's interests.

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Women's Extra Fine Quality Fibre Silk Hose, with lisle garter top—black, white, champagne, grey, suede, navy. Special at, per pair... 30c
Women's Fine Black Cashmere Hose, Vermont's make. At, per pair, 60c, 75c, 90c and \$1.25
Luxite Silk Hose, black, white, pearl; navy. Per pair... \$1.25



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Dainty Pink Mull Blouses, in two pretty styles, large square lace-trimmed collar and tucked front; another with round collar and "cowboy" tie; sizes 36 to 44. Special for this week-end at \$1.75

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For Saturday shoppers in the Children's Hosiery Section we offer a fine lot of Children's 1 x 1 Ribbed Black Cotton Hose, made to stand hard wear; all sizes up to 9, at three pairs for One Dollar. These children's hose are excellent value.

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ITALIANS HAVE BEST OF MINOR ACTIONS ALONG THEIR FRONT

Rome, March 1.—An official report issued here last evening said: "There have been intermittent artillery actions which became quite lively on both sides of the Brenta and south of Ponte di Piave. Southeast of the edge of Mont Solario enemy patrols

were put to flight by our reconnoitring parties. Others were repulsed by rifle fire along the old Piave. North of Col di Rosso one of our strong patrols reached dwellings in Stoccardo and drove back groups of enemy troops who had hastily arrived. They captured and brought back to our lines two 11-inch trench mortars, about twenty rifles and other war material.

"Day and night there is great aerial activity along the front. Our aviators successfully dropped six tons of bombs on several military places. British aviators brought down two enemy machines. Near Rieva di Soligo a captive balloon was hit by our artillery fire. During an enemy raid on Wednesday two of their machines were brought down."

PLEDGE BROKEN BY GERMANS IN SINKING THE GLENART CASTLE

London, March 1.—Sworn statements made independently by two survivors of the British hospital ship Glenart Castle, which went down Tuesday in the Bristol Channel, an official announcement says,

make clear that she was sunk by an enemy submarine which was sighted halting distance within ten minutes of the time the ship was struck. "It will be noted," the announcement says, "that the Glenart Castle was in a free area and was sunk in breach of the German pledge given as to the immunity of hospital ships from attack in war."

The total number of persons saved from the ship so far reported is twenty-nine. One hundred and fifty-three persons still are missing.
TERM UNDER ARMY ACT.
Edmonton, March 1.—The first conviction in Edmonton for a breach of the Military Service Act brought a sentence of three years with hard labor in the Alberta penitentiary to Otto Klatt.

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HOW RHONDDA WORKS.
Writing in a London newspaper Arnold Bennett, the well-known British author and critic, gives an interesting account of the operations of the British Food Ministry under the direction of Lord Rhondda.

In regard to meat, he says, there are 5,000 cattle markets in country with supplies that formerly fluctuated. All now are controlled. Formerly sixty per cent. of the live meat supply was home and forty per cent. foreign, and the foreign supply was the chief factor in prices.

The shortness of the supply forced up prices, and profits were taken by farmers, graziers, etc. Butchers used to buy their beasts all over the country. Much transport was wasted. Meat used to travel, for instance, from London to Liverpool, and precisely the same kind of meat used to travel simultaneously from Liverpool to London.

The Food Ministry stepped into the grand traditional confusion and gradually brought about the following state of affairs. There is a Live Stock Commissioner for each county or district. Selling at farms is stopped. A certain quantity of meat has to be furnished each week by each locality. The farmers furnish it voluntarily, but if the total amount so furnished is insufficient, then a committee of local farmers decide which farmer's beasts it will be most suitable to requisition, and these beasts are requisitioned up to the amount required.

As for margarine Mr. Bennett points out that the raw materials of this item are palm-kernels, linseed, cotton seed, and nuts, all imported. The Minister requisitions the necessary freight. The materials are received by a committee representing all brokers. This committee hands them over to a committee of crushers, which delivers the crushed products to a committee of oil-refiners, which in turn delivers its products to the twenty-seven margarine-makers, who deliver margarine to the Margarine Distribution Board, whose business it is to get the margarine into the 2,000 Food Control areas.

Every stage of the process is controlled, ever price is fixed, and all intermediate-profits go to the Ministry with a view to an ultimate reduction of price to the public. The quantities of material at every stage are accurately known every week. Leakage is not possible. The supply of margarine is steadily increasing, and will soon reach the normal. There are many side-complications, all equally controlled. Thus, part of the oil goes to the fishers, who are grouped into local associations with a central association. And part of the raw materials are used for cattle cake, and these are manipulated by Port Feeding Staff Committees, who ration the associations of farmers. The soap-manufacturers also get their rationed share of material.

But even with these extraordinary measures the food situation in the United Kingdom is exceedingly difficult, to say the least. Since Mr. Bennett's article was written the rationing system has had to be applied to meat and Lord Rhondda has urged Canada to send every pound of this commodity and wheat she can possibly spare. The Dominion, like the United States, is a long way from rations and in appreciation of the fact should make unexampled efforts in response to the call from across the Atlantic. As far as the food situation is concerned this continent does not know what war means.

QUICK RESULTS.
The announcement by the Minister of Lands that within forty-eight hours of the Order-in-Council granting wide powers to his Department relative to the logging of spruce for aeroplanes "everything was humming," and that operations are proceeding in the most satisfactory way, is extremely gratifying. The Minister's action was a novelty in these parts in its direct and drastic features, but he was confronted with an urgent situation and took the course best calculated to get the quickest results. The sequel described by Mr. Pattullo on Wednesday fully justified his course. By this means British Columbia will make a contribution to the battlefront the importance of which cannot be overestimated. Aeroplane supremacy is vital to military success and to the defence of London, Paris, Venice and other communities menaced by the hostile aircraft. Every hundred additional aeroplanes means an enormous advantage for the Allies, and the construction of a large fleet of these will be accelerated by the Minister's action.

THE ALLIES AND SIBERIA.
Obviously, the enormous accumulation of munitions at Vladivostok must not be permitted to fall into the enemy's hands, and Japan's proposal for joint action by the Entente to avert such a calamity has been favorably received in the capitals of the Allies. It is realized also that the status of eastern Siberia is of vital concern to our trans-Pacific ally, and that German control over it and the trans-Siberian railroad would constitute a grave menace to her. Already German agents have begun their intrigues and the Allies have received repeated warnings from Harbin that they must take steps to counteract enemy activities without delay. The fact that the Bolsheviks are in control of many of the centres is no guarantee that Siberia is safe from German machinations, for there are Bolshevik and Bolsheviki, and it is notorious that in some places they are more German than Russian. The Hun has no hesitation in becoming a Bolsheviki when Bolshevism suits his purpose.

The situation, however, is delicate and Japan shows her recognition of this by the tactfulness of her proposal. She suggests that whatever action be taken be under international auspices, either in the form of a joint expedition or in an expedition in which she and her Allies would be represented. This would be a guarantee that the object of the Allies was to safeguard the common cause by keeping the enemy away from the Pacific seaboard, and to help Russia. Japan is in an admirable position to render effective assistance to her floundering neighbor and undoubtedly any proposal that she should do so would be joyfully welcomed by the mass of the Russian people. But the Bolsheviki leaders at Petrograd, are not the Russian people and may resent any interference by the "imperialists and bourgeoisie" of the Entente.

The Allies, therefore, must proceed cautiously, at least until the German advance determines whether Russia can or will fight or must capitulate. If Russia should fight, even though Petrograd be occupied by the Germans, we may be sure any assistance offered by the Allies will be gratefully welcomed, for in them will lie the chief hope of her future as an independent state.

A WIDENING BREACH.
The declaration of Austria neutrality towards the present situation between Germany and Russia, made by Premier Seydler in the Reichsrath last week, must have rung ominously in the ear of the German Government. It was an admission that the Austrian people are against making further sacrifices for the scheme of Prussian military conquest and that they object to taking part in any attack upon revolutionary Russia. By implication it means also that they are unwilling to participate in Germany's military operations on the Western Front and that what they want is a general, not a separate, peace.

Whatever may be the private aspirations and sympathies of the Austro-Hungarian leaders they have no mind to run counter to the sentiment of the people, who are on the verge of an upheaval and have been restrained only by Czernin's frantic appeals for patience while he endeavored to negotiate peace.

With the disappearance of the Slav menace in the Russian revolution the Prussian-Magyar war manipulators lost their stock-in-trade in the Dual Monarchy. They also lost the magic which held the polyglot elements in the country together. These preserved their unity against a Russian Czar, for they were led to believe that he sought to extend his yoke over them. But fighting to extend the yoke of the Hohenzollerns over others, including themselves in the final analysis, is another thing and the preponderating masses of the Austro-Hungarian people will have none of it.

Germany's attitude towards her ally should be narrowly watched, for it may have far-reaching consequences. If Austria-Hungary broke away from her and was able to remain away from

grandiose project of German mastery over middle Europe, the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire, would collapse. Furthermore, there would be the prospect of a powerful Austria-Hungary developing along democratic lines and creating a factor which would have a disturbing effect upon Prussian control over the south German states who are more sympathetic with Austria than with Prussia. Germany would be isolated, for while, for the moment, she might force compensation from Russia she eventually would have a great Slav mass on her eastern frontier, and these would be hopelessly irreconcilable if their countrymen in Austria were given wide constitutional freedom.

The German-Austrian situation seems to be veering to the point where Germany either will have to discipline Austria or abandon her scheme of conquest. As long as the war party remains supreme Germany is not likely to drop her programme of conquest, because that would mean the end of the war party. As Prussian domination of the Dual Monarchy is part of that programme Germany would use force rather than give way.

The arrest of a speaker who made slanderous statements regarding the Canadian soldiers in England may cause other well-meaning but loose-talking individuals to confine themselves to facts in their discussion of the morals of the Canadian army. There has been too much scandal-mongering of this kind, and it is time the authorities took it in hand. Baseless charges of wholesale drunkenness and violence have been dealt authoritatively time and again, although in the light of the achievements of our men in France the denial was unnecessary, but still they have been persisted in by certain persons supposed to be engaged in uplift work, who forget that the worst vice of all is falsifying facts. A man is not a drunkard because he may take a glass of beer or a glass of whisky every day. He may do those things and still be infinitely further up the scale of morality than the person who does neither but baselessly slanders him. The uplift movement never will make any headway on a campaign of misrepresentation. Nor will it realize its aim until it takes note of the fact that the vices of the mind are even worse than those of the flesh.

A Winnipeg dispatch says: "While Dr. French P. Oliver, evangelist, was conducting services in Zion Church last night, thieves entered the vestry of the edifice and stole his \$400 fur coat and other articles of apparel. Dr. Oliver came here from Victoria." Can this be a judgment upon Dr. Oliver for wearing such costly apparel? If one of the Apostles reappeared in Winnipeg would he deck himself out in a four-hundred-dollar fur coat? Not much. He would buy a ten-dollar coat and give the remaining \$390 to the poor and needy.

The news from Calgary to-day is very reassuring after the critical suspense of the last forty-eight hours. British Columbia is solidly behind its Premier in this grimmet of all his battles and will be inexpressibly relieved to learn that he has been the victor.

BIG PATRIOTIC DRIVE IS TO OPEN MONDAY; QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED
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Its officials may be truly said to act as "guide, philosopher and friend" to many a woman or child in trouble. Not only does it render assistance in untangling tangles connected with separation allowances and such matters, but the members of the visiting committee have performed a thousand and one little kindly acts which have endeared them to soldiers' dependents and elicited many a grateful letter from the husband and father overseas. Cases have arisen where the mother has passed away leaving helpless little ones, when the visitor has stepped into the breach and ensured the proper care of the motherless kiddies. In time of sickness, too, the members of the Committee have shown their sympathy in practical fashion, and so imparted the personal touch to an organization which has characterized its working.

Organized Effort.
It will thus be readily seen that the Patriotic Fund is one of the most important links in the great chain of organized effort, directed towards the winning of the war. Its success, like all other phases of work having an end in view, is dependent on individual energy. Next week's campaign is being instituted to rouse each individual, who is unable to fight, to the urgency of his or her participation in the paying of the huge debt Canada owes to the fighting man. The aim is to obtain definite promises of subscriptions, preferably through the medium of monthly instalments, and for this purpose a number of prominent citizens will assist in the big drive. The campaign committee, whose headquarters are at 614 View Street, includes Joshua Klingham (chairman), G. H. Dawson, Alex. Stewart, H. H. Rowley, B. C. Nicholas, J. E. Wilson, W. Lethlan and T. P. McConnell, secretary.

Eighteen Districts.
The business section of the city has been divided into eighteen districts, and each will be thoroughly canvassed by a committee. The following will be

the chairman: J. L. Beckwith, W. T. Williams, W. H. P. Sweeney, R. W. Perry, B. C. Nicholas, J. D. O'Connell, D. Leeming, A. C. Busdick, J. E. Wilson, W. A. Abel, S. Drake, J. Fletcher, H. W. Hudson, H. M. Diggins, J. P. Scott, Alex. Peden, R. E. Taylor, Gordon Jameson and L. D. McLean. At a meeting of the school teachers held recently, J. M. Campbell, H. P. Hope and Miss Williams were appointed a school-campaign committee to undertake the distribution of literature among the children for conveyance to the parents and friends.

MAKING HISTORY IN LEGISLATURE TO-DAY
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No Chip on Shoulder.
Following a touching reference to the illness of the Premier and an eloquent tribute to his sterling worth, Mrs. Smith alluded to the advent of a woman to the House of Legislature in British Columbia. She had no words to express her admiration for the kindness and courtesies which had been so ungrudgingly shown to her by the members of the House. "I have come to you neither with a chip on my shoulder nor with a sword in my hand, but with a willingness to meet you on equal ground as representative of the people," she proceeded to the speaker. "It necessitates a common understanding of the needs of the people if intelligent legislation is to be enacted." Mrs. Smith recounted to the House the story of her election by such a large majority and voiced her warm appreciation of the unequalled loyalty and support she had received in her home city of Vancouver. That support had been accorded her in spite of all the opposing forces which were many; but the answer of the electorate was eloquent, final and decisive.

Everybody Helped.
"Not only did the women of my fair city stand behind me," continued the speaker with a just pride in her sex, "but the men were there, too, together they worked and never ceased until the last vote was polled. The co-operation of both sexes is responsible for my being here as their representative." Mrs. Smith referred to the fact that less than a year ago the House had passed a measure placing a law on the Statute Book of British Columbia enfranchising the women of the Province, which carried with it the right to sit on the floor of the House. "And to-day we have carried this same law to its logical conclusion, with the result that whether the honorable gentlemen like it or not, they must put up with it," exclaimed Mrs. Smith amid laughter and applause.

She Would Be There.
"But I like to think that the honorable members of this House welcome a woman into their midst and I extend to all the honorable members the olive branch of peace. If the time comes, however, to take a hand in a wordy encounter where I think the best interests of the people of this Province is concerned, I wish to assure the hon. gentlemen that I will surely take a hand," continued the speaker with no mistake about the sincerity of her intentions.

Taxation Exemption.
With a reference to the speech from the Throne Mrs. Smith voiced the satisfaction shared by her colleagues on the entry of the United States into the conflict against a pernicious militarism. She welcomed that assistance that before many months had rolled by that a lasting peace might be assured. The intention of some provision being made to exempt from taxation sailors and soldiers serving overseas was commendable to Mrs. Smith. There was a dire need for an amendment to the Moratorium Act to cover those very necessary requirements. The time was now ripe to give every protection to those heroes who had been and were defending the people of this Dominion. There was also the imperative need to make adequate provision for the men who had come back, and would continue to return, to get back into civil life as speedily and as comfortably as possible.

Realized Difficulties.
The speaker fully realized that the question of what to do with the returned soldier bristled with difficulties, but she was extremely anxious that everything possible should be done to meet peculiar requirements of the increasingly difficult situation. Some of the men would naturally want to go on the land, while others would care to shape their course along business channels. Agriculturally British Columbia was in a very different position to her sister provinces of the prairies, where the land was invariably ready for the plough. Clearing and settlement problems in this province were large. She hoped, however, that the recommendations of the Land Settlement Board would be of such a character that the Government would be able to purchase suitable cultivated land at a reasonable price. That was apparently the only effective means of placing the agriculturally inclined returned man in civil life with the hope of earning an honorable competency before him.

For those returned soldiers who chose the business career she would advocate the showing of sympathy. It would be possible for the men to equip themselves properly for the future. "This means a good deal of expenditure," proceeded the speaker, "but I am satisfied that the people of British Columbia will gladly support that expenditure. There is only one opinion concerning the question and I feel sure that much can be done and will be done."

Wants Vital Legislation.
"I have come to the Legislature for legislation in the best interests of the women and children of the province. I notice that there is to be provision made for neglected and destitute children. My programme," she continued,

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If you have a place in your home for a Parlor Settee, a Suite or an Odd Chair or two you cannot do better than take advantage of these special values we are now offering in Parlor Furniture. We quote a few prices here—we have several more equally interesting values to offer, some of the best we believe that have ever been offered in the city. They are worth investigating.

SETTEE Reg. price \$16.00, for. \$11.75 SETTEE Reg. price \$18.00, for. \$12.50
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may appear to be somewhat advanced, but it is a programme I consider to be necessary, and from time to time it is my intention to ask this House to stand behind me when I ask for the legislation I deem so vital. And I do not think my requests will fall on deaf ears. I have faith in the intelligence, honor and integrity of every member of this House. Not only do I come to ask for legislation in the best interests of the women and children but also legislation for the protection as far as in me lies of the best interests of the people of the province."

Intelligent Co-operation.
In conclusion, Mrs. Smith alluded feelingly to the serious times through which the world is passing, appreciating the difficulty of arriving at an effective solution. She saw, however, that a very great deal could be achieved by intelligent co-operation and a studied sidetracking of petty differences.

LETTER BOX A PRACTICAL SOLUTION OF THE PIG QUESTION.

To the Editor.—However the house pig question is settled, whether 100 feet from any dwelling or inside the dwelling itself, there will still be a majority of houses where no pig will be, or can be, kept, and the waste of refuse from these houses will still continue, which is what we wish to avoid. One can hardly suppose that the advocates of house pigs have any farming experience, or know the filth, noise, and smell of a pig-sty, or occasional unpleasant episodes of pig-breeding. Now all the above would be avoided by the city establishing its own piggeries, and collecting the waste from the houses and thus using it all. The city will make a profit and thus reduce taxation, by which all will benefit, and have an inducement to give all waste food for the piggery. Victoria will thus save its fair name and continue to attract tourists and home-seekers, rather than pigs and flies. As my name would add no weight to the idea, I write in the name of "COMMON SENSE."

THE LABORER'S CASE.

To the Editor.—The trouble with "One of the Workers," who discusses on the cost of sugar, etc., in Tuesday's Times, is the bald fact that he and thousands of others fail to realize the sacrifices demanded to win the war. For instance, he quotes sugar as having doubled in price since 1914. If he and his ilk will make but a small sacrifice in having his sugar supply he will get the article at pre-war prices and have the satisfaction of knowing he is still consuming two and a half times as much as the average heroic French family. If he can prove that his family is entitled to a cuisine more luxurious than a family in martyred France, he has a complaint, but not otherwise. A laboring man with five children who pays \$2.50 for a sack of potatoes when the annual supply can easily be raised in spare time at an outside cost of 25 cents a sack, is not deserving of sympathy. As to butter, it would surprise him to know how many laboring men in their spare time, and on a \$3 wage, are supplying their own households with the commodity and selling the surplus. It is a wonder that his "near-relatives" overseas have failed to tell him that they often go a month without seeing a potato or a pound of butter.

not find myself in full agreement with the speaker, there was much of it truth, and the true things spoken are the ones Mr. Mansfield would not hear about. In the first place he says he "imagines that the majority in the audience were non-British." Does he mean to imply that only foreigners can appreciate facts? But I can, however, assure him that his imagination is a frail and untrustworthy feed to lean upon, for not less than 90 per cent. of those who listened to the speech were British. Although Mr. Mansfield cannot, others can, relay a speech other than the platitudinous pullings of politicians.

The invidious comparison is not absent from the literary effort of Mr. Mansfield. What basis has he for suggesting that intellect is in the exclusive possession of the capitalist and that the exercising of brute strength is the function of the laborer? We were under the impression that in the workers' ranks can be found a much finer type of intellect than in the ranks of the masters. At least their philosophy would indicate such.

But the cap and bells must be given: "There always will be different classes of status and standing as there have been since the world began. Even the most unscrupulousness of men has not their class distinctions, and Mr. H. has his, although he may not know it." Where is Mr. Mansfield's authority for such a statement? Before so rashly and so cocksurely making comments on questions that belong in the domain of sociology and ethnology, a knowledge of the rudiments of those sciences is essential.

Since it is quite evident that he has never read a single authentic writer on these subjects we can assure him that such a statement is untrue. There are many races to-day who have no class distinctions. Classes and class distinctions do not appear in human society until property came into existence. Classes are created with slavery and will vanish with the abolition of slavery in all its forms.

The period of human development marked by classes and class distinctions is only a lightning flash in point of time as compared with that period from the amoeba to the appearance of private property and social classes. M. BRUCE. Victoria, Feb. 23.

apprenticeship of about two weeks and any handy man can do caulking. Take a moulder, machinist, boiler-maker or electrician, you do not hear that they are getting anything like that amount. No, they get \$3.25 per day and they have served an apprenticeship of five years, more or less, generally more, as any lost time during their indenture period is added at the end.

Then, again, is the fact that many of us have brothers fighting in the trenches and other relatives as well. Do they get \$7 per day or even \$3.97? No, sir. They get \$10 per day and they can't go home if it rains either. I wonder if the agitators who are about to bring this calamity about our ears ever think of anyone but themselves? I doubt it. It seems a very great pity that some of them could not undergo some of the hardships their brother workmen in Great Britain have to put up with or see the actual conditions under which their protectors are laboring. Do they think for a minute that they would have a bed of roses if we were to come under German rule? If it were so they would not be in the trenches (who are not getting \$7 per day, but who are giving their lives for us), how long do you think we would last as an independent Dominion? I suggest—that they look at the situation from a sane and sensible point of view and ask themselves if they could strain a point and forget this petty 30 per cent. and get busy in line and increase production to the best of their ability. The soldiers need the necessities of life to a far greater measure than we can realize and must have the ships to convey these necessities.

Another point, and then I've finished. We are just starting an industry which has been long looked for and which is employing hundreds of men who were literally starving before it was started. Take it all in all, if it were not for the ships being built here now the situation, from a labor point of view, would be anything but healthy. What capitalist will think of embarking in the iron and steel business on the Coast if he feels that he is to be held up at every turn by a few men who have the gift of gab to make others see as they see the "main chance" themselves? If no more ships are built on this Coast there will again be about fifteen men for every job with wages about one-half what they are now. You'll see. A SANE WORKINGMAN.

BACK TO THE CADETS

Major W. H. Beldon Resumes Position as Organizer and Instructor to Corps.
Owing to the work here of the district military representative under the Military Service Act having been transferred to the office of R. S. Lennie, registrar, Vancouver, Major W. H. Beldon, who has acted as the military representative since the creation of the office, will resume his former position as organizer and instructor of Cadet Corps. Major Beldon saw considerable service in Flanders, and at Salonika before being invalided back to Canada. Previous to his appointment with the Cadet Corps he was attached to the 16th Light Horse, and took part in quelling the Northwest Rebellion of 1885.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 1, 1893.
A number of new residences have been started in construction all over the city, with the advent of better weather. Commodore McCahill is now general manager for Spratt's wharf, and the property adjoining it. The C. P. R. and Albin Iron Works Companies' leases have lapsed, and Mr. McCahill is managing the wharves for the Spratt estate. A deputation has been appointed by the Provincial Jubilee Hospital authorities for the purpose of waiting on the Executive, to secure a more adequate subsidy to meet the expenditure of the hospital.

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- Sugars, each 90¢

—Crockery, Second Floor

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—Gloves, Main Floor

Save on Hardware Necessities, Saturday

- \$3.25 Wash Boilers \$2.97
—in size No. 8, with copper bottom; 25 only to go at this price.
- Coal Hods 62c
—Strong make, finished with black japan and gold band. Splendid for kitchen use.
- Crank Floor Mops at 98¢

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A BEDTIME STORY

UNCLE WIGGLY AND THE SNOWBALLS

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"How are your paws this morning, Uncle Wiggly?" asked Nurse Jane Fussy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper, of the bunny rabbit gentleman, as he came down stairs to breakfast in his hollow stump bungalow one day.

"My paws? Why, they are all right," he answered, twinkling his pink nose in a way to make it look like an orange rolling up inside a napkin ring to play with spoon holder. "Why do you ask, Miss Fussy Wuzzy?"

"Well, if your paws are good and strong, and if you have no rheumatism in them," went on the muskrat lady, "I wish—"

"Allow me to interrupt you one moment," politely spoke the bunny. "My rheumatism doesn't hurt me at all this morning. I put the red, white and blue striped crutch you so kindly gnawed for me out of a cornstalk under my bed, and perhaps that is why I have no pain."

"Well, I am glad of it," said Nurse Jane. "For if you have no pain you can take a basket on your paws and go to the store for me, I suppose?"

"Of course I can," answered Uncle Wiggly with a jolly laugh. "What do you want from the store?"

"A dozen of eggs," said the muskrat lady. "I am going to make a pudding, a pie and a cake, and I'll need eggs."

"And you shall have them," said Mr. Longears, with a low and polite bow. Then, putting on his fur coat and his tall silk hat, and taking the basket on his paw, away he started over the fields and through the woods to the egg store. It was snowing hard and there was much snow on the ground, but the bunny rabbit gentleman did not mind that. Away he went to the store, and the monkey doodle gentleman who kept it said:

"Fresh eggs, Uncle Wiggly! Yes, sir! Here you are. Mrs. Cluck-cluck, the hen-lady, brought in some nice ones. I'll fill your basket. But be careful on your way home."

"Be careful! Why?" asked the bunny. "Do you mean be careful about not falling down and breaking the eggs?"

"Yes, that, and more," said the monkey doodle gentleman. "There is a bad-egg dog around in these woods of late. He may stop you and take your eggs. He is a bad egg dog, but he likes good eggs, such as you have. So look out for him."

"I will," said Uncle Wiggly. "I'll run fast if I see him."

Back toward his hollow stump bungalow hopped Mr. Longears with the eggs, and he had not gone very far before he saw Sammie Littlebell, the bunny boy, Johnnie and Billy Bushy-Tail, the squirrels, Jackie and Peetle-Bow Wow, the puppies, playing snowball with each other in the woods. The white snowballs were flying back and forth.

"Ha! That gives me an idea," said Uncle Wiggly. "I'll make a lot of snowballs to have ready in case the bad egg dog comes after me. I'll snowball him, instead of egging him, that's what I'll do!"

So the bunny rabbit gentleman filled the pockets of his fur coat with round, white snowballs, then he hurried on through the woods. He had now gone much farther before he heard a growling voice cry:

"Hold on, there, Mr. Rabbit! What have you in the basket?"

"I have fresh eggs in the basket," answered Uncle Wiggly before he thought; and then, turning around, he saw the bad egg dog.

"Eggs, eh?" growled the dog, smacking

his lips. "Well, you're just the one I want to see. Give me those eggs!"

"Oh, I'd rather not," said Uncle Wiggly. "They are for Nurse Jane to make puddings, pies and cakes."

"That makes no matter of difference at all to me," snapped the bad egg dog. "Hand them over!"

"Well, if I must, I must, I suppose," said the bunny, and as he spoke he kicked up, nervous-like, a little cloud of snow between himself and the bad dog.

"Here, what are you doing?" growled the dog. "Give me the eggs!"

So Uncle Wiggly handed over the basket, and the dog hungrily took it and reached in his paw to take out an egg to eat. Uncle Wiggly, not stopping to see it eaten, ran along through the woods, and when he was almost at his hollow-stump bungalow he heard the dog howl:

"Oh, these are not eggs at all! They are cold, frozen snowballs! Oh, how you fooled me!"

"Of course I did!" laughed Uncle Wiggly. "When I kicked up that cloud of snow so you couldn't see I took the snowballs out of my pocket and put them in the basket, and I took out the eggs, which the snowballs looked just like, and put them safe in my pocket. I have the eggs now, and Nurse Jane will make a cake, pie and pudding of them. Do you think I'm going to let you take her eggs? I guess not!"

So Uncle Wiggly fooled the bad egg dog with snowballs, you see; and I think he was smart; don't you? I mean the bunny, not the bad egg dog. And if the bottle of paregoric doesn't go skating with the sweet spirits of nitre, and forget to wake up the chocolate drop when it falls asleep, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggly and the funny sled.

RECIPES FOR BREAD

Pacific Milk Company Preparing Book on War-Cookery.

Many of the large food manufacturing companies are helping the food controller in every way possible. The Pacific Milk Company, of Ladner, has instituted an active newspaper campaign in an endeavor to obtain recipes for breads, etc., made with dark flour, that wheat may be saved for the Allies.

The recipes are to be given publicly at the company's expense, although milk is a very small part of most of them.

The manager of the company, Mr. Stark, said the company felt something of the kind should be done, and as no one else seemed to be taking the initiative they had taken it upon themselves to gather all the recipes for war breads and war cakes, etc., they could. The recipes would be published as soon as they had been tested.

"Some very big hearted women are helping us in this work," he added. "They are sending recipes from everywhere."

Parcels for Willows Camp—The Victoria Wood Co. will deliver free of cost all parcels, etc., to the boys at the Willows Camp. Buses leave every hour from 489 Johnson Street, where all parcels should be left.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR NORTHERN FURS

W. S. Drury Back From Great Auction at St. Louis; the Trading Situation

Returning from the great fur sales at St. Louis, W. S. Drury, of Taylor, Drury, Pedlar & Company, the well-known Northern fur dealers, is now at the Dominion Hotel with Mrs. Drury. Their headquarters are at Whitehorse, Y. T.

Mr. Drury found prices advancing, with a great call for furs, one reason being the opportunity which high wages in the East has afforded to persons who formerly bought imitations who are now going in for the real article. Another cause was the decreased number of trappers, owing to so many being away at the war.

The yield of pelts in the North—dependent on the supply of rabbits and other forms of food upon which the fur bearing animals live. Mr. Drury states that the food supply has a material effect on production. He pointed out a phase of the trapping life which is not often thought of by the ladies who buy furs for ornament and comfort, that it will be sixteen to eighteen months from the time the animal parts with its pelt before the furs are auctioned among buyers from all parts of the world in some famous centre like St. Louis. The pelts of animals taken at the northern posts in winter-time are stored until the navigation season opens in the summer and are collected in July, coming out in the fall in time for the winter sales. His company has an extensive chain of stations in the Yukon and Northern British Columbia, where the furs are collected for shipment.

Fashions in furs fluctuate considerably, he says, and make a pelt much more valuable at one auction than another, apparently without any justifiable reason. From some information he gave, it transpires that a large amount of capital is required by traders, owing to the long credits and the financing of trappers, stores, etc., between the time that the pelts are taken and the auctions. About half the trappers employed by his company are Indians.

He mentioned that the phenomenal development of the prairie provinces, together with the prosperity due to high prices of food products, has resulted in a great demand for furs, which has been satisfied by increased production in the northern undeveloped territory of Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Drury will remain in the city for a brief stay.

HOW BILLIE BURKE FINDS REAL HAPPINESS

To-night and to-morrow will be the last opportunities to see Billie Burke at the Royal Victoria Theatre in "The Land of Promise." The story deals with a poor girl who thinks Canada is the land of Promise, but only finds that it is like any other country until she finds real happiness in a man's love. The play was staged in Manitoba and very fine scenery is shown of the large farms just before harvest time, also some fine views of the Rocky Mountains. The picture is well worth seeing, and with a good comedy and weekly which are also shown on the same programme, a large audience should be assured.

He lived just over the Tweed border and naturally hated spending money. Therefore, when a friend in the South sent him an unstamped letter he was much annoyed at having to pay twopenny postage.

He was still more annoyed on opening the letter to find nothing in it save a single sheet, saying: "I am well—George."

He returned he procured a large flat stone, and after having packed it in a wooden box, with many wrappings, dispatched it, carriage forward.

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Socials Personal

Capt. and Mrs. Eyre Winch expect to leave the city shortly to take up their residence in Vancouver.

Mrs. Peter Macnaughtan has returned home after spending the past two weeks in Vancouver visiting with friends.

The members of the "J" Unit Chapter, I. O. O. F., are planning to hold a big dance at the Empress Hotel on Monday, April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stevenson, who have been visiting friends in this city for the past week, have now returned to their home in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. E. London and family, who have been staying in the city for the past ten days, have returned to their home in Vancouver.

Mrs. A. P. Routledge has returned to the city after spending the past three weeks in Vancouver, where she was the guest of Mrs. Joseph N. Ellis, Shaughnessy Heights.

Bishop Schofield will administer the rite of confirmation in All Saints' Church, Vancouver, on Monday evening, in the absence of Bishop de Penier. The parishes of St. Nicholas and All Saints will unite for the service.

The many friends of Orville Wright, sawyer at the Cameron-Genoa Mills, Genoa Bay, will be pleased to hear that he is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his injuries received last Saturday.

J. L. Beckwith, president of the Vancouver Island Development Association, and W. A. Jameson, president of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association, will be the guests of honor at the luncheon to be given by the Duncan Board of Trade on Tuesday next.

On January 19 at St. Alban's, England, the marriage took place of Lieut. Philip Marmaduke Monckton, 4th Royal Welsh Fusiliers to Lavender, youngest daughter of the late W. J. O'Hara, of Cork, Ireland. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Monckton, of Quamianch Lake.

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, M. A., T. C. D., warden of the Royal Victoria College, Montreal, has been made Officer de l'Instruction Publique, by the French

Government. This distinction was conferred upon Miss Hurlbatt in recognition of her association with the important work of developing an interest in the study of French and the co-operation of McGill University in the work of the Alliance Francaise.

The King's Daughters have completed arrangements for the holding of their third annual concert series, and as in other years the event promises to be one of great interest to music-lovers. The concerts will be held in the Alexandra ballroom on March 29 and 31, and the artists will include Wilmot Goodwin, the well-known baritone who was heard at the Daughters' annual concert two years ago; Florence Austin, the eminent American violinist, and Leo Cronican, pianist. These artists will appear each evening in a different programme. The proceeds will be devoted to the upkeep of the rest room for working girls, maintained by the King's Daughters.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Flockhart, 1323 Esquimalt Road, an interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when their eldest daughter, Isa, was married to Mr. George Boyack, of Roma, Alberta, by the Rev. Dr. Clay, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The bride was given away by her father, and after the ceremony a reception was held, when a pleasant time was spent by the relations and friends of the newly-wed couple. Mr. and Mrs. Boyack left on the night boat for Vancouver, en route for their home on the prairies. Mr. Boyack, who is a returned veteran, being wounded at the Somme in September, 1916, and has now resumed his former occupation of farming.

Captain Hardy and the officers of M. M. S. Arvon were the hosts at a jolly dance held on that boat last evening. About two hundred and fifty guests were in attendance, the dining saloon being fully adorned with flags and patriotic emblems. A series of inviting "cozy corners" were arranged on the deck, which had been covered in for the occasion and hung with flags and lanterns. A delightful programme of up-to-date music was furnished by the ship's band, and in this connection it is interesting to note that the latter organization only came into being during the boat's last visit to Victoria, when the instruments were purchased. The excellence of last night's programme bears overwhelming testimony to the rapid progress made by the orchestra in the interim. A delicious supper was served in the main saloon at midnight and the strains of the National Anthem at 1:30 a. m. brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

HIS MOTHER'S BOY SEEN AT VARIETY

Charles Ray, the Paramount star who is appearing in the Thomas H. Ince production, "His Mother's Boy," at the Variety Theatre to-night and to-morrow, is nursing a grievance. "It seems to me," he remarked recently, "that the authors might show a little more consideration for me. They pick out the most uncomfortable and ungettable places on the map for me to work in, I believe. For instance, in 'His Father's Son,' which was my last Paramount release, they gave me a glimpse of a gorgeous apartment, and when I was moved me out to the very worst little hotel in Montana. In 'His Mother's Boy' I have to spend most of my time in an atrociously tight suit and high collar—and, not content with that, in the oilfields of Texas."

All of which Charles Ray remarked jestingly, as he is one of the most popular and best natured stars of the Ince-Paramount studios.

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Every boy and girl in the city will want to see Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp, which is running at the Dominion Theatre all this week. It is a delightful picture, the actors all being youngsters, but they excel even older actors in the manner of presentation. The story as pictured is not quite the

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Prussianism, Bowserism and
Camouflage Lugged Into
Latter's Vocabulary

Legislative Press Gallery,
February 28.
"Bowserism," "Prussianism," and a number of other "isms" punctuated the contribution of the Leader of the Opposition to the debate on the second reading of the Seed Grain Act this afternoon. Specially prepared artillery, spark-plugged by Mr. Bowser, figuratively perforated the innocent looking little Bill, and by the time the House came to its last clause at half-past five practically every section had fallen foul of the Leader of the Opposition. That its second reading would be marked by a warm time was hinted by the veiled suggestion of the ex-premier when he rose to move the adjournment of the debate thereon last night.

Found Nothing In It.
Mr. Bowser stated at the outset that he had understood from the Minister of Agriculture that the Bill had been on the order paper for some days past. As a matter of fact, however, he had been so fully occupied in an endeavor to discover something in the speech from the throne that little time had been left to him to study the merits of the bill. This in explanation of his desire yesterday to have the second reading held over until he had been permitted a more intelligent study of the proposed measure.

Here Mr. Hawthornthwaite suggested that a tour of inspection over the speech from the throne should not have occupied many minutes, to which the Leader of the Opposition replied that there was undoubtedly a great deal of camouflage about it.
"At Any One Time."
Setting on clause two—Mr. Bowser saw no reason to object to the title—the definition of owners meaning the owner of the land in which seed grain would ultimately be sown—he was not in a mood to agree to the provision that shut out all unregistered owners of land from participation in any benefits the Act might contain. Then again the Bill intended to provide the Minister with authority to draw \$20,000 for the purchase of seed grain "at any one time." What was there to stop the Minister of Agriculture from drawing \$20,000 three times a week?
Mr. Oliver: "Does my honorable friend suggest that the clause infers that the Minister of Finance would be empowered to pay out that sum at any time?"
Mr. Bowser: "It seems to me that there is nothing to stop the Minister of Agriculture from going at any time to get \$20,000 so long as it does not exceed that sum."

Date of Repayment.
In the event of the Minister taking a promissory note where a cash sale of grain was not possible, the Act requires that repayment be made on December 31 next following the date of the sale. Mr. Bowser deemed the provision to be capable of working a hardship on the farmer in the Kamloops district where he invariably took his grain to market as soon as the snows arrived. If the snow was late how could the farmer pay the note? The Leader of the Opposition did not believe in the power granted to the Minister whereby he could look upon the note obligation as a first charge on the farmer's property. Were such a privilege exercised it might mean the destruction of any possible encumbrance entered into ten years prior and, in effect, place the Minister

in possession as a bailiff, denying the farmer the assistance of the law.
The "Independent" View.
"I would like to hear an expression of opinion from some of the independent members," said Mr. Bowser as he took in the chamber with a comprehensive glance.
G. G. McGeer: "What does the Leader of the Opposition consider the relative value as between the land and the seed. He seems to think the seed amount will be a large one."
Mr. Bowser: "Ask your master, the Master of the Administration, I am not responsible for the views of that side of the House."
Mr. Oliver: "Were you ever?"
Mr. Ross: "Does my honorable friend—Mr. Bowser—mean the member for South Vancouver or Richmond?"
Mr. Bowser: "Well, we'll have to see when the debate is over as to what amount of independence there really is."

Prussianism and Bowserism.
And here the Leader of the Opposition sailed right into section eight of the proposed measure which deals with the proceedings for the collection of the promissory note. It was altogether too drastic, and set out with the fixed belief that the farmer was dishonest. "Talk about Prussianism and Bowserism. Is this House going to leave such power in the hands of any one Minister, and particularly the Minister of Agriculture," asked Mr. Bowser with that superb air of injured innocence which he has reduced to a science since he has occupied the position to the left of Mr. Speaker.
"Don't Fool Yourself."
"Many farmers are not smart business men and might very easily unwittingly commit a breach of the Act and render himself liable to action from the Minister. I say many are not as well versed in business as the Minister of Agriculture, for instance," went on the Leader of the Opposition.
Mr. Oliver: "Don't you fool yourself!"
Gold Brick.
Mr. Bowser—"Just imagine it. The Minister could say to himself of some poor farmer, 'He's offended me and he must pay in his note.' Mark you, the Minister of Agriculture has the power to call in that note any time after it is signed despite the fact that December 31 is set as the due date. Surely there is a mistake—I appeal to the business men on that side of the House. I do not appeal to my side—they are fair. (Laughter.) You would not put up with that sort of treatment from your bank. But you go to the farmer and say come along, produce more and take a gold brick called the Seed Grain Act. I could picture the Minister sending his bailiffs; but they it would be a splendid job for hungry Liberals."

Mr. Oliver—"What would a lawyer do in these circumstances?"
Mr. Bowser—"He would at least allow it to go through the courts."
Mr. Oliver—"All same Dominion Trust."
Public Service.
Mr. Bowser—"I consider I have done a public service in criticizing this proposed Act. Turn it over to the 'Inside Committee' and let them go over it. It would be a nice thing, wouldn't it, when the Minister of Agriculture felt unwell, he would come down in the morning and call in a few notes."
At this point Mr. Oliver explained that it was the intention of the Act to create a credit of \$20,000 and not more than that amount at any one time, not taking the Leader of the Opposition seriously.
Mr. Bowser—"You could ask for the twenty thousand many times a year."
Hope For You Yet.
Mr. Oliver—"Yes, that might be the case with you; but we have a different conception of the statutes. However, to show that I am in a good humor with my honorable friend opposite I will put in that amendment." And here the Minister agreed to strike out the words December 31 as governing the repayment of the note.
Mr. Bowser—"There's hope for you yet."
Messrs. Wear, McGeer and Hawthornthwaite offered opinions upon the various sections.
Mr. Hawthornthwaite—"There is no Jew moneylender in the province who would not lend that money on demand."
Mr. Oliver—"The province and the farmer may have to go to the Jew yet; we are nearly there now."
Mr. Hawthornthwaite—"That does not increase your anxiety to resign does it?"
Honest John.
Mr. Bowser—"Most farmers are

honest, you know."
Mr. Oliver—"I suppose it would not be possible for my honorable friend to say that all farmers are honest, because if he would I might be included in the definition." (Laughter.)
Mr. Bowser (remembering his reference to independence in the early stage of the debate)—"I congratulate the several members of the Government on their independence."
Mr. Oliver—"It must be somewhat novel for the Leader of the Opposition to sit in the House in company with a Minister who is willing to listen to representations from BOTH sides of the House."
The bill was left in the committee stage.

**LOOKING AFTER THE
DRAFTEE'S INTEREST**

Legislation Introduced by Hon.
T. D. Pattullo Extends
Present Measure

Legislative Press Gallery,
February 28.

Towards the end of this afternoon's sitting of the House the Hon. John Oliver, Acting Premier and Minister of Railways, tabled the full text of the tentative agreement covering the settlement of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway question. The document is a complete recital of the terms which have already been published in the columns of The Times. It will be recalled that on consideration of the dropping of the legal action by the Province against the Company the latter turned over the whole of the assets of the three companies: Railway, Development and Equipment.
The settlement also provided for the cash payment by the company to the Province of \$500,000, a further sum of \$250,000 in four months' time, and still a further sum of \$350,000 subject to an option covering the townsite lands of the Development Company. Legislation will be introduced to the House at a later stage of the session providing for the future fate of the road as Government property.

Interests Drafted Men.
The Hon. T. D. Pattullo introduced an amendment to the Soldiers' Home-Steak Act designed to specify better those men with the colors who come within its provisions. The Act was passed in 1916, and repealed last year, the repeal measure, however, granted an extension until December 31 this year, within which holders of Crown lands who are in arrears in payment may make application for an allotment of such holdings to the amount of payments already made. The amending bill was given its first reading. It provided that the term "volunteer or reservist" as used in the act of last year shall include any person who, since August 4, 1914, joins the forces of the Empire or Allies and has been engaged on active service either at home or abroad, and also any person drafted to service in any capacity whatever. By this amendment those men called out under the draft will secure advantage of the act.

A Bill to amend the Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905, was introduced by the Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, which provides for the appointment of an inspector of dykes, who shall have charge of operation, maintenance, and repair of dyking works in districts other than the Sumas district. Other sections deal with assessments to be levied under the act. The Bill was read a first time.
Getting Goats, Too.
First reading was also given to a Bill from the Minister of Agriculture designed to amend the Sheep Protection Act so as to include goats as well as sheep. Full details of the proposed measure have already appeared in these columns.

Cumberland Mine Rescue Station.—Sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for Mine-Rescue Station, Cumberland," will be received by the Minister of Public Works up to noon Saturday, March 9 for the erection and completion of a garage and sundry alterations repairs, principally painting, at the Mine-Rescue Station, Cumberland.

**MEMBER FOR NELSON
ADDS TO THE DEBATE**

Says Government's Legislative Programme is Vague and Shadowy

Legislative Press Gallery,
February 28.

Although Dr. W. O. Ross, Conservative member for Nelson, was not in quite the same pessimistic mood as his colleague from South Okanagan, he found it somewhat difficult this afternoon to wax enthusiastic over the legislative programme as foreshadowed in the speech from the throne. And in his part in the debate on the reply he was bound to state at the outset of his remarks that the programme, to say the least of it was "vague and shadowy." It was, however, a source of satisfaction to him to know that the Government was intending to do something in the matter of the iron and steel industry, action he trusted that would materialize in a real development plan.

Industrial Diseases.
The suggestion in the speech from the throne also that some legislation would be introduced to the House directed towards the betterment of the working classes was also commendable. At the same time he would have been equally well pleased had the Government thought fit to have included something in the way of a measure to deal with the prevention of industrial diseases, particularly in view of the urgent necessity for the conservation of human life. He had in mind some of the diseases common to mining localities such as lead poison from the smelter, and miners' phthisis, due to the inhalation of the minute particles of dust in the mine.

That Dual Portfolio.
From these matters, of which the doctor had unquestionably expert knowledge, he passed on to the subject of increased production and the nation-wide exhortation pointing the way to duty in this connection. That brought him to a point when he was in a mood to question what the present Government had attempted or achieved as its part in the programme. He had to confess that the Government was not living up to the quality of action demanded by the situation. The member for Nelson was not propounding any original opposition view of the reason for the present administration's "falling" in this regard when he trotted the somewhat hackneyed suggestion that the Minister of Agriculture had paid too much attention to the other branch of his dual portfolio by permitting railway matters to absorb his attention to the exclusion of agriculture. "Not a bit of it," was the Hon. John Oliver's interpolation at that juncture

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Advertisers in the classified columns of The Times know what they are doing, and the "girl" (the Public) knows also.

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Mental science may help SOME, but straight-away work—and a lot of work—will be the prevailing factor.
Surely no one would expect to carry off five hundred dollars without effort. Many eligible classified advertisers are lining up in favor of this or that candidate. A fair volume of business has been turned in, but the business that will win the big prizes is likely yet still to be gathered.
It has been our experience in these affairs that the last week, or the last two weeks, are the most profitable in the way of vote-producing. People seem to like to wait and join in the great rush for the finish.
Just the same, all cash collections and values of contracts will be worth more votes up to Monday evening than at any time after that. Further extra votes will be given after Monday, but the schedule will be reduced.

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For the candidate in the contest whose name is written below, when neatly clipped and mailed or brought to the contest manager, 308 Times Building, before the date of expiration below.

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when the inference was obvious.

Taxation Not Right.
The existing system of taxation was a very unsatisfactory one and he did hope that the Board of Taxation would evolve some scheme whereby a more equitable basis could be found. The taxation legislation of the last session would never entice the member for Nelson and so far as he could judge the surtax would just about tax the farmer out of business and the additional impost on the mining industry would not tend to any beneficial influence in that direction. These things, then, Dr. Ross trusted the course of time would see righted.
Temporary Normal Schools.
He had had hopes, too, that an

amendment to the Education Act would have been forthcoming, but here again was disappointment. He had in mind the shortage of teachers in the province and in particular the sort of scheme that would effectively remedy the defect. He would advocate the establishment of temporary normal schools at advantageous points throughout the province, so as to do away with the expense incident to the entrant's attendance at the coast institutions. Nothing in the speech from the throne, however, indicated that such a step was contemplated by the Government during the present session. Charles F. Nelson, member for Siccan, followed in the debate.

IS NOW LIEUTENANT

Sergt. F. Stewart Burrell of 30th Battalion, Three Years on Service, Receives Commission.
Sergt. F. Stewart Burrell, son of Frank Burrell, who left France last year to join the O. T. C. at Bexhill, has now received his commission. Lieut. Burrell left the city three years ago with the 30th Battalion, was wounded and gassed at Festubert, returned to the front after recovery, and, later, was given an appointment on headquarters staff. He will probably return to France shortly.

SATURDAY SPECIALS
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New design, handsome fitter, all widths. **\$6.00**

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MINING SITUATION SERIOUS IN SLOCAN

Charles F. Nelson Tells House of Locality's Blasted Hopes

URGES GOVERNMENT TO RIGID INVESTIGATION

Legislative Press Gallery, February 25.

With the announcement that he intended neither to indulge in captious criticism of the opposition nor to set out in any excursion of fulsome flattery of the Government, since its very excellent record stood as the best testimony of the quality of its work, Charles F. Nelson, member for Slocan, followed the member for Nelson in a continuation of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

As was generally to be expected Mr. Nelson dealt with a subject which has engaged a good deal of his attention during the last six months. He recalled the House with a complete, concise, and, although essentially technical, yet quite interesting story of the silver lead mining industry of the Slocan country. He sought to show how their hopes of prosperity had been blasted by the attitude of the smelting Company, a state of affairs which, to his mind, called for action on the part of the Government to the extent of an investigation into the stand taken by the Trail concern.

Prohibitive Conditions. He contended that the action of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, by their increases in smelter charges, would be the means of shutting down practically all the operating mines of the district, while the new schedule would be prohibitive for operation. The Slocan Mines, he pointed out, produced fifty-six per cent of the silver recovered in British Columbia last year and also more lead than any other mining district, so that it would be readily understood that any action tending to the closing down of these mines was such as to merit a very careful watch on the part of the Government.

The member for Slocan gave a very detailed survey of the conditions which arose during the latter part of last year, when the smelter issued its decision that it was not in a position to take further shipments of lead containing any more than four per cent zinc. In this connection it will be remembered the joint action of Premier Brewster and the Minister of Mines, during the former's presence at Ottawa, succeeded in securing an additional order for lead from the Imperial Munitions Board, as well as the removal of the embargo prohibiting the entry of this commodity into the United States.

Issue Camouflaged. In the many attempts to come to a settlement of the matter by the various public bodies in the localities affected, Mr. Nelson claimed that the representatives of the smelter usually came to those deliberations armed with a mass of figures which effectively camouflaged the issue and in some instances created a very plausible case. The facts, however, were only too true and the outlook was extremely black. All this had come about since the end of last September. Up till that time the district was humming with activity; old claims were being worked, and the countryside had cause to look for an extremely bright future.

Mr. Nelson laid a concrete example of the deterrent effect of the new Trail smelter schedule before the House. The details showing how deductions and allowances require the knowledge of a metallurgist, but the figures give

ALL AT HOME SHOULD PREPARE FOR WAR

The first test a man is put through for either war or life insurance is the condition of his water. This is most essential because the kidneys play a most important part in causing premature old age and death. The more injurious the poisons passing through the kidneys the sooner comes decay—so says Dr. Pierce of Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., who further advises all people who wish to preserve the vitality of the kidneys and free the blood from poisonous elements, such as uric acid—drink plenty of water—sweat some daily and take Auric, double strength, before meals.

An uric is a discovery of Dr. Pierce, and can be obtained at drug stores. For that backache, lumbago, rheumatism, "rusty" joints, swollen feet or hands, due to uric acid in the blood, Auric quickly dissolves the uric acid as hot water does sugar. Send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for trial pkg.

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Toronto, Ont.—"For the last eight years I have suffered with kidney trouble and rheumatism. It began with pain in my back and finally left my back and went down into the feet. It developed into a chronic case. I tried every medicine I could hear of and consulted some good doctors, but still I kept on suffering. About a year ago a friend advised me to give Auric a trial, and am happy to say I am today a well man—never feel any traces of my ailment—no matter what weather conditions may be. Auric is a sure kidney medicine in every sense."—E. F. Garrison, 5 Matilda Street.



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Portland, Ind.—"I had a displacement and suffered so badly from it that at times I could not stand on my feet at all. I was all run down and so weak I could not do my housework, was nervous and could not lie down at night. I took treatments from a physician but they did not help me. My Aunt recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I tried it and now I am strong and well again and do my own work and I give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound the credit."—Mrs. JOSEPHINE KIMBLE, 935 West Race St., Portland, Ind.

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The lay mind an idea of the loss incurred.

The Difference. Under the former existing schedule, with which there was no particular quarrel, a Silverton mine shipped a thirty-nine-ton carload of ore to Trail. The ore contained 33.3 per cent of zinc and 35.9 ounces of silver, with nine per cent of iron. On the then basis of settlement the silver values paid \$686.68, while the zinc values paid \$1,070.79. From this was deducted \$80.03 for freight charges, leaving a net value of \$1,677.44 for the thirty-nine tons of ore.

The member for Slocan touched upon the need for legislation to provide for the incorporation of villages, in support of which contention he pointed to the success which had been achieved in Germany, with due apologies for looking to an enemy country for his illustration.

The returned soldier question and the need for an adjustment of the assessments of the province were similarly dealt with by Mr. Nelson.

Mrs. Ralph Smith moved the adjournment of the debate which will be continued by her at to-morrow afternoon's sitting of the House.

TO THE CIVILIANS BEHIND THE ARMY

By Lancelot in The B.C. Veterans' Weekly.

On that far-flung battleline, thousands of our bravest and best are forming a wall of living flesh, barring the way to this fair land of Canada with their own bodies, calling halt to the Prussian hordes that would ravage this country as they did Belgium and France. Only those who have been there and formed a link in that living chain can appreciate their work; only those who have suffered with them can realize what they are enduring for us. We are not all privileged to fight in this great struggle for freedom, but we all can do our best, in our own way, in our own home town.

In those shell-torn trenches, with death lurking in every corner, under the prompt and in the air, fathers, husbands and sons "carrying on" fighting and dying for you. You cannot save them from harm, their destiny is in the hands of the King of Kings; they must fight on steadfastly to the last. Their duty is to save you, and they count their lives well lost in saving you from the fate of Belgium.

But you, you in your peaceful homes, what a debt you owe these men. Can you ever repay them, can you measure your dollars against their lives and their sufferings? No! They are beyond price; no value could ever be set on their free will offering to you. This is the sacrifice, yours the reward.

While the men are fighting and dying their dependents are suffering the greatest agony it is possible to endure. Day and night they are haunted by the terrible fear of impending disaster. To those who are not directly concerned, the casualty list is merely Canada's roll of honor, but to the women at home it is the death knell to all earthly hopes.

You who are enjoying the freedom and security maintained by the sacrifices of the men, and the broken hearts of the women, are you prepared to do your duty? Are you prepared to give to the utmost to keep the dependents of the doors of our soldiers' dependents? His one thought, his one hope is that all will go with the dear ones at home. His last moments are comforted by the thought that Canada will respond to the full, with cup flowing over and that his sacrifice will be rewarded and his family saved from want.

The Victoria Patriotic Aid Fund requires \$250,000 for the 3,888 dependents of Victoria soldiers. You cannot refuse to assist; you owe it to the men fighting for you. Send your subscription to the campaign committee and retain a clear conscience.

All arrangements are now completed for the 500 party and dance to be held in Lake Hill School this evening by the Lake Hill Women's Institute. The card tournament will be run by Mr. Waller, and will commence promptly at 8.30 o'clock. Prizes will be given and light refreshments will be served. Miss Graves will play for the dancing. The whole of the proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

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Announces that for to-morrow (the last day) we will again lower our already extremely low prices, and give you still greater Bargains than we have offered yet.

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Shoes for the entire family from a \$60,000 stock will be offered at ridiculous prices. It's a time when you can positively save money.

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Ladies' \$5 to \$8 Boots for \$1.85

Positively the Biggest Bargain offered during the entire Sale. We are going to clean out the entire lot to-morrow. See our windows to-night. There are odds and ends of various lines, with regular values up to \$8.00. Some of these have sold for \$5.85 during the Sale. Now for to-morrow, pick them out for only

\$1.85

Ladies' \$7.50 to \$10 Boots, \$3.85

These values sound fishy, but they are genuine nevertheless. This lot includes several lots of high-class stylish Boots, and their regular prices run from \$7.50 to \$10.00. We have sold numbers of them during the Sale for \$5.85 and \$4.85, but Saturday being the last day we want to close them all out. So here's your chance. Come early. Only

\$3.85

Men's "K" Boots Now Only \$6.50

We have again lowered our Russian Tan Calf "K" Boots for Saturday. We have sold them since the opening of the Sale for \$7.50. They are regular \$11.00 and \$12.00 values. Saturday only

\$6.50

Ladies' Dorothy Dodd and Others \$2.85

Bargains like these, you can't find every day. They cannot be duplicated at wholesale prices, so that it is well for you to get here early and save money while you have the chance. Values up to \$4.50 for

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MEN'S HARTT BUTTON BOOTS, \$5.00

Throw aside your prejudice against button boots and save \$7.00. These shoes, to-day are selling everywhere for from \$18.00 to \$20.00, but we haven't all sizes, so we want to get rid of them quick. These are genuine Tan and Black Calf Boots of various lasts in the lot. Saturday only

\$5.00

Ladies' White Top Boots, \$3.85

Ladies' White Buck Tops, with patent leather vamps and in button styles. A good \$8.00 value. Saturday we close them all out at

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Men's "K" Oxfords \$7.50

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\$7.50

Ladies' Gun Metal Boots, \$2.85

We have been selling these during this sale for \$2.85, but we want to finish them up to-morrow at the ridiculous price of only

\$2.85

Ladies' "K" Boots, \$6.85

A few pairs left of the Vici Kid and Gunmetal. Calf Boots, in almost all sizes, regular \$9.50 values. Your last chance Saturday only

\$6.85

Ladies' White Canvas Boots, \$2.85

In either button or lace style; some have the rubber sole, sport style, and others the regular leather sole, with Louis heels. Saturday only

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Men's Neolin Sole Boots, \$5.45

Among this lot are our regular \$8.00 Gunmetal Calf Bals., with recede toes; others with the high bump toe. All excellent values. Saturday only

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WANT MORE REVENUE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Should Have Amusement, Insurance and Motor Car Taxes, Declares Meeting

That British Columbia municipalities are being "starved" in favor of the Government; that the remedy is to give the municipalities the proceeds of the amusement, fire insurance and motor car taxes, and that, in order to prepare a strong case for presentation to the Government at the earliest possible moment, a meeting of the Board of Trade, Mayor and Aldermen of the

City and Reeves and councillors of surrounding districts be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 6, were the conclusions arrived at at a meeting of the Board of Trade tax delinquency committee yesterday afternoon at which, amongst others, were present C. T. Cross, J. J. Shalcross, F. B. Pemberton, A. R. Wolfenden and F. A. McDiarmid.

It had become quite evident, said J. J. Shalcross, that the present system of taxation in B. C. was entirely inadequate, revenue arising only, as it did, out of the assessed value of land, which values, in most cases, were very much above the market values of the properties, and were levied whether there was an income arising from the land or not. The only possible remedy was in finding other sources through which municipalities could derive their income. He suggested that the whole matter was so serious and so unjustifiable that the strongest possible protests should be made to the Government to surrender to cities and

municipalities at least some part of the before-mentioned tax revenue.

Near Perversion of Justice. F. A. McDiarmid went very fully into the subject from the angle of law, in the course of which he instanced that in other provinces of the Dominion police court magistrates and crown attorneys were paid by the Governments. Under the different circumstances here it was not to be wondered at that magistrates naturally looked with favor on the imposition of fines in place of sentences of imprisonment. This came very close to a condition of perverting justice through the fact that while the fines would go to the municipality the cost of imprisoning persons on the other hand, had to be borne by them. Mr. McDiarmid explained he was not making any attack upon the Brewster Government, as the present system had existed for generations. A proper basis, he considered, would be that what was crown-owned and crown-used should be exempt, but that land

which was crown-owned and was not crown-used should not be exempt. The resolution to hold the meeting next week was passed unanimously.

OBITUARY RECORD

News was received yesterday by relatives in the city of the death of Mrs. Thomas Stockans, of Coronado, Cal., which occurred on Wednesday. Mrs. Stockans was well known here, having made her home in Victoria for several years. Besides her husband, the following relatives survive: Mrs. (Capt.) Foley, of Coronado, and Mrs. (Capt.) O'Leary, of this city, both of whom are sisters. There are also several nieces and nephews.

noon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. R. M. Thompson. The casket was adorned with a profusion of beautiful flowers and the hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Beattie, H. W. Davis, G. Monteith, J. H. Collins, A. J. Daniels and T. Redding.

The body of Abbe Esman Henry L. Smith, who died on the Rainbow on Wednesday, is now at Sands Funeral Chapel awaiting removal to the Naval Cemetery at 2.30 Saturday afternoon. Yesterday the death occurred at 939 Fullerton Street of Sylvia Mary Warner, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warner. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Thompson Funeral Chapel and at 3.30 from St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Rev. Father Silver officiated.

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Military Five Hundred, under the auspices of the Victoria Ladies' Swimming Club at the small Odd Fellows' Hall, Friday, March 1, 8.15. Admission, 25c.

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to do without this healthful, nourishing food under the guise of patriotism and war-time economy. The Food Administrator of the U. S. A. found on investigation that only 8% of the sugar consumed goes in candy manufacture—92% into home consumption.

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For English Socks and Stockings The Beehive is the best place in the city. Pure wool, 75c.

He Spoke in haste, said they could not do it; and went down to the "C. S. A." windows to see where the colored gent was. Read the advertisement on page twelve and come down to-night, too.

"Why Pay High Rate for Fire Insurance? See the Anti-Combine Agents and save money. Duck & Johnston.

On Visit Here.—City Engineer Rust received a call on Wednesday, before leaving the city, from Thomas H. McCaulay, manager of the Calgary Street Railway system.

Housebreaking Reported.—Reports of housebreaking, and robberies of bicycles form the chief subject of complaint to the City Police at the present time. The latter have been of frequent occurrence recently.

Unveils Tablet.—At Resthaven, this afternoon, Maj.-Gen. R. G. Edwards, Leckie, C. M. G., O. C., unveiled the monument erected in memory of the three soldiers, Ptes. Leach, Payton and Holland, who were accidentally drowned there last summer. The ceremony took place at 2.30.

Errington School District.—Notice is given that the Council of Public Instruction has been pleased to raise the status of the Errington School District from an assisted to that of a regularly organized school district, with boundaries as defined on May 17, 1915.

Inquiry From Hongkong.—The Victoria and Island Development Association is in receipt of an inquiry from the chief warden of the Victoria jail, Hongkong, with regard to conditions here, in view of the fact that he intends to retire and will settle on Vancouver Island, during the present year.

To Unite Bodies.—Notice is given in the B. C. Gazette that a petition having been received from the Islands Farmers' Institute and the Islands Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association, being associations incorporated under Part II. of the Agricultural Act, it is declared that the welfare of the said associations will be promoted by their union in accordance with clause eighty-five; and notice is given that such union is approved for the period of one year as from February 11, 1918.

VICTORIAN MEETS

DEATH WHEN FLYING

Flight-Lieut. Albert A. Gerow, R. F. C., Killed at Andover

Cabled information has been received by his mother, who resides at 711 Pine Street, that Flight-Lieut. Albert A. Gerow, R. F. C., has been killed while flying at Andover, England.

Albert A. Gerow, who was very well-known to a large circle of friends in Victoria, was the son of Augustus Gerow, and a grandson of the late Gideon C. Gerow. He was a native son of Victoria, graduated from both the public and high schools, and later attended McGill University.

Last May he left the city for Camp Borden, sailing for England in September after several months of training. He was given the appointment of instructor at the Andover aerodrome, and was the first cadet of a class of thirty-six to receive his wings.

For some time prior to leaving Victoria, the late flight-lieutenant was in the employ of the Victoria Brass & Iron Works, of Esquimalt, as foreman pattern maker. He leaves besides his father and mother, two younger brothers and one grandparent, Mrs. W. Hurst, of Glendive, Montana. One of the brothers, W. G. Gerow, is with the Begg Motor Company in this city, the other, Gideon, is with the same company in Vancouver.

Soldier's Gift to Fund.—A beautiful double-fronted stucco bungalow, nearly two feet in height and four feet across, has been presented to the Patriotic Fund Campaign Committee to be raffled in connection with next week's "drive." The doll's house is furnished completely. The whole represents the handiwork of Alfred H. Charles, a returned veteran of the 11th C. M. Ra., who has generously donated it for the benefit of the Fund. The handsome toy may be seen in the windows of the Campaign headquarters, 614 View Street, where tickets may be purchased.

Board of Trade Meeting.—A meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade will be held on Tuesday, March 5, at 10.30 a. m.

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HONORABLY ACQUITTED OF SERIOUS CHARGE

Cases of Beachcombing Are Dismissed; Timber Marks Damaged by Buffeting

William Moore, managing director of the Moore-Whittington Lumber Company, was "honorably acquitted" in the City Police Court to-day on a charge of receiving a saw-log belonging to the Genoa Bay Lumber Company.

Magistrate Jay had reserved judgment from Thursday in order to consider the evidence then presented together with points of law. He now stated that the only evidence of the marking of the log was that of the examination by accused and Ackerman, the man who towed the log to the saw-mill. There was undoubtedly some doubt about the brand, and it might have been either K 21 or K 22, the former being that of the Empire Lumber Company, the latter of R. T. Milne, who operated in the same section of the island. There was, in his opinion, no positive proof to show to whom the log belonged. He did not regard it as suspicious that the brand had been examined and regarded it rather as indication of a desire to ascertain the responsibility. He, therefore, dismissed the case, adding that he thought the brand had been defaced by buffeting of the log on the beach.

H. B. Robertson, for the defence: "That is an honorable acquittal!" The Magistrate assented.

City Prosecutor Harrison then withdrew a charge against Edmund Woodward of appropriating another log from the same boom.

More Wood Here.—In reply to comment on the measurement of cordwood for retail sale, Fair Weights and Measures Officer Robertson shows in a return made to the City Council, that the people of Victoria received nine cubic feet more wood per half cord wagon measurements than those of Seattle.

Ma Hing Case.—In the City Police Court yesterday afternoon Ma Hing was committed for trial on a charge of being in possession of dynamite and fined \$25 for having a Maxim silencer for revolvers in his possession. To-day proceedings followed against the same man on a theft charge.

British Campaigners.—The British Campaigners' Association, at the invitation of the President, Major W. Kaptay, will visit his home, at the corner of Beach Drive and Patrick Street, on Sunday afternoon next. The Major has some very good specimens of German war-like stores.

Appointments Made.—Provincial appointments announced in this week's B. C. Gazette were: Arthur L. Cross and James McIvor to be commissioners for the Rutland Drainage District in the place of Gordon Caspell and J. Earl Clever, resigned; George Leace to be collector under the "Trades License Act" at the town of Ymir.

Record Sunshine for February.—Victorians enjoyed 161 hours 18 minutes of sunshine during the month of February—total of 27 hours above the average for the same month in previous years. The mean temperature for the month was 29.5, or 1 1/4 degrees above the average. The highest during the month was 52 degrees on February 3 and 5, and the lowest, 24.4 on the 18th, the lowest on the grass being 15 on February 18. Total precipitation amounted to 2.37 inches, of which 1.4 inches was represented by snow. The monthly precipitation was .78 above the average.

Bakery Regulations Effective.—The new bakery regulations came into effect to-day, introducing the system of licensing bakers, fixing the character of the bread sold and its ingredients. The net weight of a loaf, unwrapped, twelve hours after baking will be eighteen ounces, but not to exceed ten ounces. The order of the Food Control Board provides for the manufacture exclusively of a single pan loaf, or multiple thereof, closely batched and no cutting and washing. The change was effected in Victoria with very little difficulty.

Police Report.—The police report for Victoria for February compiled by J. T. Hastings shows that there were fifty-four convictions in the Police Court, two were committed for trial and twenty-five discharged. Twenty-five persons were under temporary charge for safe keeping. The patrol wagon responded to 171 calls. In fifteen of the eighteen accidents reported to the police, first aid was rendered by the police. Details of the Court cases are as follows: Assault, four; Adulteration Act, one; attempting to defeat the course of justice, one; bigamy, one; breaking and entering, one; Censorship Regulation Act, one; City By-laws, four; drunks, ten; Explosives Act, one; Health Act, four; Inmate of gaming house, eighteen; keeping a disorderly house, one; keeping a gaming house, one; Military Service Act, two; Motor Act, three, obscene language, one; obtaining money by false pretences, one; Opium Act, nine; offensive Weapons Act, one; possession of stolen property, one; Prohibition Act seven; Pawnbrokers' Act, one; stealing, one; vagrancy, five.

Mexican Consul General Here.—Senator Soriano Bravo, Consul-General for Mexico, was introduced to-day to Sir Frank Barnard, the Lieutenant-Governor, by E. J. Leveson, of Vancouver. Yesterday he also met a number of prominent citizens at the Empress Hotel. The new Consul-General comes to Canada from New Orleans. In introducing him to Victorians Mr. Leveson said in part: "The British Columbia Mexico Company, in which I am interested, is developing properties

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Twelve Months Each.—The three young men, William Isherwood, Alfred Beattie and Wilbert Beattie, who were arrested by military and provincial police recently in the bush near Nanaimo Lakes, for failing to comply with the Military Service Act, were each sent to prison for twelve months in the City Police Court to-day.

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Municipal Chapter, I. O. O. E.—The adjourned meeting of the Municipal Chapter will be held on Saturday morning at 10.30, at headquarters, to receive nominations for officers for the coming year.

AN INCOME FOR LIFE AWAITS ONE OF TIMES READERS

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QUEEN GETS AWAY ON LAST VOYAGE

Liners Governor and President Due to Resume Service in Few Days

On what is supposed to be her last southbound voyage from Victoria the steamship Queen, of the Pacific Steamship Company, got away from the Outer Docks at 5.40 p. m. yesterday with a capacity list of passengers for San Francisco.

To-morrow week, providing the present arrangements are not countermanded, will see the departure of the fine steamship Governor from San Francisco on her first voyage in four months for Victoria and Seattle. The Governor is due to leave the Golden Gate port at noon on March 9 and should arrive here on the afternoon of March 11, sailing south again from this port on March 15.

The President is posted to sail from San Francisco on March 15, one week later than the Governor.

May Not Interfere.

It is not expected that the new commanding order issued by the United States Shipping Board will interfere with the present arrangements of the Pacific Steamship Company as to the disposition of the Governor and President, and until further notice is given, the present schedule stands.

These two vessels, the largest of the company's fleet, were withdrawn from the California-British Columbia-Puget Sound service last November, and turned over by the United States Shipping Board to the Matson Navigation Company for the operation of the Hawaiian trade. The return of these splendid ships will have the effect of greatly stimulating the passenger and freight business between Seattle, Victoria, San Francisco and San Diego.

Arrive Monday.

The steamship Admiral Schley will arrive here on Monday next, and it is likely that this will be her last trip in the Victoria service. With the resumption of the Governor and President, the Queen and Admiral Schley will revert to their former routes.

The trend of coast travel is now northbound, as the majority of winter tourists are returning from California. Leaving here last evening the Queen carried over 300 passengers, twenty-four embarking here.

WIRELESS REPORTS

March 1, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Clear; N. W., fresh; 30.24; 33; sea rough.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 30.29; 34; sea smooth. Spoke str Jefferson, 10.50 p. m., ahead, northbound.

Pachena—Clear; calm; 30.33; 33; sea moderate.

Estevan—Clear; N. W., light; 30.06; 26; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 30.10; 32; sea smooth. Passed out str Chelohin, 7.45 p. m., southbound.

Triangle—Cloudy; N. W., fresh; 30.33; 37; sea rough. Spoke str Princess Royal, midnight, off Ivory Island, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E., strong; 29.90; 34; sea rough.

Ikedra Bay—Overcast; S. W., 29.56; 39; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Rain; snow; S. E., 29.97; 33; sea smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Clear; N. W.; 30.30; 41; sea smooth. Spoke str Santa Ana, 9.20 a. m., 7 miles east of Cape Lazo, southbound.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 30.31; 29; sea smooth.

Estevan—Cloudy; S. E., light; 30.05; 40; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Overcast; S. W., light; 30.05; 37; sea smooth.

Triangle—Squally; S. E., strong; 30.22; 40; sea rough. Spoke str Gray, 11.30 a. m., off Cape St. James, northbound; spoke str Camosun, 11.40 a. m., off North Surf Island, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Snow; rain; S. E., gale; 29.83; 34; sea rough.

Ikedra Bay—Snow; rain; S. E., gale; 29.82; 39; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Snow; rain; S. E., 29.70; 34; sea rough.

DOLLAR BOAT ARRIVES

One of the Dollar Line freighters passed here yesterday en route to Vancouver with a cargo from the Far East.

DEFER ACTION IN CALLING STRIKE

Threatened Shipyard Walk-Out Postponed by Decision of Metal Trades Council

VOTE WAS 27 FOR TO 38 AGAINST

Judge Murphy, Chairman of Adjustment Board, Addressed Delegates

Action has been deferred in the precipitation of the threatened shipyard strike by the decision reached last night by the Metal Trades Council. The walk-out scheduled for 10 o'clock this morning was postponed by a vote of thirty-eight to twenty-seven on the motion being put following a somewhat heated discussion of the various phases of the dispute at issue.

In reaching this decision the Metal Trades Council does not bind itself to recognize the Adjustment Board which has been appointed by Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, to investigate the grievances of the workers with a view to bringing about an amicable settlement of the long pending trouble.

Delegates attending the meeting last night point out that the decision arrived at to defer action does not represent the unanimous opinion of organized labor, in view of the fact that under the constitution of the Metal Trades Council the various locals have equal representation, which gives the smaller trades the same voting power as the larger and more powerful organizations. It is pointed out that the preponderance of opinion was in favor of drastic measures, as the vote in favor of deferred action represented less than one hundred workers against some two thousand workers who were in favor of a strike.

Judge Murphy's Appeal.

The delegates were addressed by Mr. Justice Murphy, of the Supreme Court, who has been appointed chairman of the Adjustment Board. He informed the delegates that the principal point that would come within the scope of the investigation would be to ascertain whether the Imperial Munitions Board had actually promised to stand by the decision of the United States Adjustment Board, more particularly with respect to the ten per cent. increase as demanded by the men. Furthermore he declared that the Commission would look into the shipyard conditions all along the line with a view to arriving at a fair and comprehensive finding. He was unable to state just when the Commission would sit until further word had been received from Ottawa, but he gave the assurance that the investigation would be put under way with the minimum of delay. The delegates were given to understand that the Commission would sit in any event, whether or not it was favored by the workers or the employers, and that the decision reached would not be binding to either party.

Not Wholly Averted.

In deferring action the delegates made it clear that the possibility of a strike has not been eliminated. The contention is made that as the finding of the Adjustment Board is not binding to either side, the appointment of a Commission means a waste of time and unnecessary expense.

The men make no secret of the fact that unless their demands are complied with through the findings of the Commission, a strike is a certainty. Through their leaders they assert that they are but making a just demand in view of the agreement reached with the Munitions Board, and that they are fully entitled to the increase.

Some Dissatisfaction.

Apparently there is a lot of dissatisfaction among the men of certain trades, particularly the carpenters and boiler-makers, over the decision of the Metal Trades Council to defer action. There are evidences of a strained atmosphere, and should the men be dissatisfied with the action of the Commission an eruption is bound to result. It is within the power of the Metal Trades Council to reverse the decision by the calling of a special meeting.

It is specifically pointed out by the leaders that the Council does not bind itself to anything, and the right is reserved to declare a strike at any time.

Will Assist Commission.

As far as the Metal Trades Council is concerned it is prepared to place everything that will throw any light in the dispute before the Commission, providing the Imperial Munitions Board does the same. There will be no half measures, it is claimed, in sifting the whole trouble to the bottom.

DANISH STEAMER IN

This morning a Danish steamship which has been regularly employed in the trans-Pacific trade for many months, passed in from the Orient with a full cargo for Vancouver.

ACAPULCO TAES COAL

The barge Acapulco, in tow of the tug Biddle, passed out to sea this forenoon bound from Nanaimo to San Francisco. The Acapulco is laden with a full cargo of coal.

JESSIE NORCROSS FOR SEA

The auxiliary schooner Jessie Norcross, which has taken aboard a full cargo of lumber at Chemainus, is due to put to sea for an offshore destination.

LINER KATORI MARU TO HAVE FULL LIST

Some 400 Passengers Due to Leave for Orient by N. Y. K. Steamship

When the N. Y. K. liner Katori Maru departs from this port for the Orient she will have aboard about four hundred passengers, the largest list ever carried across the Pacific by a vessel flying the Japanese flag. The aboard passengers are composed of colonists, globe-trotting commercial men, tourists, teachers, and missionaries many of them travelling to the Far East from London, Liverpool and other points in Europe.

There will be twenty-eight Hollanders bound for the Dutch East Indies to serve in various capacities in connection with the operation of the plantations there; a large party of Russians on their way to Russia via Yokohama and Vladivostok, and business men from all parts of the world en route to China, Japan and the Philippines. A total of 125 saloon passengers have been booked, and all steerage quarters will be taken when the big liner steams for the Orient.

NITINAT AND WAKENA WERE IN COLLISION

Border Line Vessel Damaged by Impact Off Turn-Point Early This Morning

A collision occurred at 4.30 o'clock this morning in the Gulf between the C. P. R. tugboat Nitinat and the Border Line Transportation Company's motor vessel Wakena, resulting in considerable damage to the latter craft. The collision took place to the south of Turn-Point, Stuart Island, this side of Active Pass. The Wakena was bound from Vancouver to this port with freight and the Nitinat was bound for the Gulf with one of the company's transfer barges in tow.

The C. P. R. tug was undamaged by the impact but the Wakena was not so fortunate. In making an effort to get clear the Wakena swung out of her course and the tug hit her amidships, cutting into the planking above the waterline and damaging her house-work.

The Wakena came on to Victoria and is now moored at the Outer Docks. A survey of the damage will be made this afternoon.

The cause of the accident is not yet apparent. It is not unlikely that an investigation will be ordered.

ROCK BAY BRIDGE QUESTION IS RAISED

Issue Before Aldermen To-day; Hospital Contribution; Reorganization Difficulties

The Rock Bay Bridge question has been re-raised and this afternoon a deputation of owners in the vicinity waited on the Civic Streets Committee in conjunction with Dr. S. F. Tolmie, M. P.

The matter has been allowed to rest since the City Engineer reported that the cost of carrying out the bridging of the chasm in the old bridge, according to the width insisted upon by the Federal Department of Public Works, would be extravagantly high for the service to be rendered to the public. It was found impossible at that time to reach a solution of the problem and the scheme has remained dormant.

At the same meeting it was arranged that a deputation would be received from the Royal Jubilee Hospital with regard to the grant, the directors having asked for \$35,000 and the Estimates Committee had agreed to allow \$20,000. Since that time the directors have put their case before members of the Government.

Piggery Regulations.

The City Health Officer is at work upon the draft of the proposed piggery regulations, which will be based upon the suggestions already filed with the Council, combined with the provincial bulletin with directions to breeders and such simple health regulations as may be considered desirable by the Medical Officer.

The regulations will be filed by Dr. Price with the City Council for its approval before the licensing system is established.

Reorganization.

After sitting for over three hours yesterday afternoon the Civic Reorganization Committee, adjourned without reaching any definite conclusions. It will resume consideration of the subject early next week. Under the circumstances there was no meeting of the Estimates Committee in the evening, as the other committee was not ready to report.

The Reorganization Committee did not discuss the question of salaries, being engaged the whole of the time in considering possibilities of combining staffs, with a view to a reduction of the number of men employed.

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OFFICIAL REPORT OF VICTORIA V. C.'S DEED

Thrilling Account of Reckless Bravery of Sergt. George Mullin

Mrs. Mullin, mother of Victoria's V. C., Sergt. George Mullin, V. C., M. M., has recently received the Military Medal which was awarded to her son for bravery some time ago, and looks forward to the day when she will receive his little bronze cross.

A recent issue of The Daily Mirror contains a photograph of the gallant



SERG. MULLIN, V. C., M. M.

soldier receiving an officer's congratulations upon his winning of that most coveted of all British decorations, the Victoria Cross. The letterpress beneath the illustration reads, in part: "Sergt. Mullin, V. C., whose brother was killed on the Somme, owes his life to a revolver which he took from a prisoner whom he captured in a pillbox. He strapped the gun on his belt and during the day a bullet struck it.

The official version of the deed which led to the hero's decoration reads like the scenario of a thrilling movie, dealing with the adventures of a "daredevil." The report follows: "The whole section were held up by

a 'pillbox' which was sending death among the troops. They tried time and time again to dislodge it with big guns, but could do nothing with it. Then Mullin was seen to crouch down in the trench, then to leap over the top, he flat on his stomach, then he commenced to write and wriggle till he came to a shell hole. For a minute he disappeared, then came into view again, then from one shell hole or trench to another he got within a few rods of the 'pillbox.' A German sniper rose up a few feet away only to fall back again with a bullet through his stomach from Mullin's, smoking revolver. With a spring and dash the brave fellow was on top of the box pouring bullets from his revolver into the faces of the gunners. He killed the two gunners and the rest fled in alarm. Mullin not being satisfied jumped down on the German side of the 'pillbox' and ran at top speed to another one and forced the garrison of ten men to surrender. Mullin's clothes were riddled with bullets; it is said that six bullets passed through his trouser-legs alone. Nothing finer has been done in this war. Although Mullin's clothes were riddled with bullets from the machine guns, he never faltered in his purpose, and not only saved the situation, but also indirectly saved many lives. He has already gained the Military Medal for reckless bravery."

"THE FIXED STARS" IS SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

Dr. Plaskett Speaks to Victoria Teachers' Association

A lecture both interesting and instructive was delivered last evening by Dr. J. S. Plaskett under the auspices of the Victoria Teachers' Association, at the High School, on the subject "The Fixed Stars." The chair was taken by A. Cunningham, president of the organization.

At the outset Dr. Plaskett stated that with the exception of a few planets, the bright bodies visible in the sky were fixed stars. Only some 3,000 stars were visible to the naked eye in

the hemisphere. Through the biggest telescope between fifty and sixty million were visible.

"The nearest star to our own sun is twenty-five millions of millions of miles," Dr. Plaskett stated. The sun, he reminded them, was 83,000,000 miles distant. It would take a cannon ball two million years to reach the nearest fixed star.

"So astronomers have become accustomed to measure in light years rather in millions of miles," he continued. Light travelled 186,900 miles in a second. The order of distances of the stars increased very rapidly. Also the fixed stars were relatively sparse in space. He illustrated this by saying that they occupied about the same relation as two footballs, one at the surface and one at the centre of the earth.

There were about fifty stars within fifty "light years" of the sun. It would take 350 years for the light of the average sixth magnitude star to reach the earth. The most distant visible clusters were about 500,000 light years away. The lecturer went on to explain how they measured these distances. Most of them were too far away for exact measurement, but the process was the simple one of triangulation, familiar to surveyors, the measurements taking place at different times and after knowing the distance travelled in that period by the earth, which distance would be used as a base line for the observation.

Speaking of the absolute brightness of the stars Dr. Plaskett continued: "Our sun is a star of wonderful absolute brightness. If the sun were removed thirty-three light years we would just barely be able to see it. Some stars are only a thousandth as bright as the sun; others are up to ten thousand times brighter. Arcturus is enormously brighter than our sun," he added.

"The constitution of all the stars is believed to be practically identical." The doctor referred to the Andromeda nebula which was known to be approaching the earth at a terrific speed. He added, however, with reassuring humor, that no one need have fears of being hit.

STOWAWAY IS HANDED BACK TO AUTHORITIES

When the Makura reached Vancouver from Sydney via Auckland, Suva and Honolulu, she landed a man who had stowed away on a previous voyage. He was dodging the Military Service Act, but was handed over to the American authorities at Honolulu. They kept him in custody until a steamship came along when he was deported to Vancouver, and he will now have to answer to the authorities for his conduct.

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VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

"CYCLONE" TAYLOR ON THE SICK LIST AFTER ICE BATTLE

stern Scoring Star Hopes to Be in Monday's Contest

ancouver, B. C., March 1.—"Cyclone" Taylor, Vancouver's star center forward and boss scorer of the Pacific Coast Hockey League, is on the hospital list. Playing for the past two weeks with a sore back, the scoring star suffered a further severe strain in the game Wednesday night in Seattle, and upon his return here this morning had an interview with the club physician. While the strain, who has been playing in wonderful form of late, is a mighty man to-day, it is expected that in a couple of days Taylor will be able to take his place on the lineup against Portland here next Monday night.

Taylor met with his latest injury in the game Wednesday night when he spread-eagled during a rush the Seattle net and in the subsequent mixup went down heavily. The strain was a severe one, but Taylor luckily remained on the ice and finished the game. This accounts for his failure to bust through Seattle for a few scores. Mickey Mackay, according to his team-mates, played a truly wonderful game throughout. Moynes led in the third period, the heavy aim of the last few matches being much for him, and Leo Cook finished the game on the right wing. We've simply got to win next Monday," came from the Vancouverians in a spirit this morning upon their return. "It was anybody's battle in earnest, but we made them go every second to win. Our battle with Portland here Monday will be the big test. We need a win to get into the playoff. Portland wins Vancouver is out of a running, but we're going to win, at all."

THREE BOSTON STARS ARE NOW SIGNED ON BY THE ATHLETICS

Philadelphia, March 1.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, today announced that he had selected Catcher Rudy, Infielder Gardner and Outfielder Walker, of the Boston Americans, in exchange for John ("Stuffy") McInnis, an Athletics first baseman. Mack said the Red Sox wanted him to take first baseman Gainer, but that he had insisted on Cady. The deal was consummated in New York with Harry Frazee, president of the Boston club, in financial consideration was involved. Mack said he had not yet communicated with the three players, but he expected them to join the Athletics before they leave for the Southern training grounds next month.

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ON THE SICK LIST



"CYCLONE" TAYLOR the whirlwind of the Vancouver team of the Pacific Coast Hockey League, is in bad condition according to reports from the Mainland. His teammates are hopeful, however, that the evil effects of Wednesday's match with Seattle will have worn off before the Rosebuds invade the Terminal Camp on Monday.

REGINA ICE HOCKEY PLAYING TO-NIGHT

Elimination for the Allen Cup Holds the Fans' Attention

Regina, March 1.—The championship of Saskatchewan and the right to meet the Winnipeg Ypres in an elimination series for the Allen Cup, will be decided here to-night, when the Quakers, of Saskatoon, battle with the 7th Battery team for the third time this season. The first time they met it was an exhibition affair and the soldiers won four to three. The first game to decide the championship was played in Saskatoon on Tuesday night and it ended in a three to three tie. Thus the clubs are on even terms for the big blowout to-night. Neither is a favorite for the reason that the home team is neutralized by the fact that the Quakers play better hockey in Regina than on home ice. Regina is admitted to have an edge in goal, but nowhere else.

POPULAR AMATEUR ON WAY TO GET TO THE FIRING LINE

Vancouver, March 1.—George Feeney, the versatile New Westminster athlete, will not play with Hearts in the final of the Mainland Cup at Athletic Park Saturday. He has left for the firing line. Feeney is considered to be one of the most brilliant athletes yet turned out in these parts. He made a name for himself on the track, lacrosse and baseball fields and also played an effective game at basketball. George has been known to hold his own with Vancouver maple smashes on various occasions, but his versatility is not limited to the sports already mentioned. He has tried his skill at most athletic games with considerable success. George Feeney's familiar figure will be missed wherever amateur athletics are staged in Vancouver and New Westminster, but he leaves for the best wishes of thousands of admirers in the greatest game he has yet tackled. There is but little doubt that he will make good on the firing line because George was never known to throw the towel in the ring at any time. He is small in stature, but he possesses the heart of a lion.

COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE

Table with columns: P. C. H. A. Standing, Goals Won Lost For Aest. Pct., Individual Scoring Records, Gms. Gls. Aests. Pts.

FULTON IS MATCHED.

Chicago, March 1.—Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., and Bob Devere, of Kansas City, were matched yesterday for a ten-round boxing contest at St. Louis, March 11. Devere was to have fought Jack Dempsey at Joplin, Mo., to-night, but this match was called off in preparation for the bout in St. Louis.

PEDEN CUP FINAL WILL SET A PACE

Teams Announced for Important Football Battle at the Royal

ODDS WELL DIVIDED BETWEEN THE TEAMS

The Teams. Victoria Wests—Shakespeare; Whyte, Copas; Allen, McKinnon, McLeod; Sherratt, Cummins, Peden, Peden, Thomas; reserve, Petticrew, Hay. E. M. C. H.—A. N. Other; McAdam, Gomm; Bowers, Pitts, Mousur; Tipper, Bloom, Townsend, Menzies, Kroeger.

A football battle, unrivalled from the standpoint of interest, save by the international match when Camp Lewis was defeated, will be staged at the Royal Athletic Park to-morrow afternoon. With the "blitz" of the White Sox, sounded by Referee Willacy at 3 o'clock, the Victoria Wests and the Esquimalt Military Convalescent Hospital soccerists, will be off for victory in the Peden Cup series, the right to play the mainland leaders, the chance for the championship of the province and the McBride Shield. On the same afternoon and at the same hour Vancouver teams are scheduled to be engaged in a similar fixture at the Terminal City.

Record of Clubs. There can be little doubt in the mind of local fandom that Saturday's match will be the fastest played during the season. Expressions of such opinion are based on the records of both clubs since the opening of the Jackson Cup series of the Senior League last fall. As a team the Victoria Wests have an unbroken record, not having lost a game. Through a series of thirteen contests the club has won twelve, while the first game of the season played against the Navy was a draw. The Wests in schedule play have thus collected the grand total of 25 points, clinching their title to the league. In the Peden Cup preliminary games the club was equally successful and thus earned the right for a place in the final go. The lineup announced for the civilians shows to advantage and presents a strong front. Forwards, halves and backs have figured on many occasions in their capacities. Shakespeare in goal is in a new place, but is said to have particular ability.

The E. M. C. H., or, as they have become familiar to Victorians, the Fragsments From France, stand as the strong opponents to the Wests. So far as the team has progressed in the Jackson series its record is not equal to that of the civilians, but it stands nevertheless in a firm position. With a total of nine games to its credit the returned men's team has won five, drawn one and lost three, giving a total of eleven. In the Peden Cup preliminaries the club stands equal with the Wests, having qualified for the final fixture.

Defeat the Americans. The outstanding feat of the Fragsments From France was, of course, their defeat of the Camp Lewis eleven, thus winning the H. H. Brown trophy. It will be recalled that the team first invaded the American continent, held the Sammiees to a draw and on the occasion of the return match played in this city defeated their opponents. Followers of sport who saw the match will remember the brilliant game played by the locals. Those fans who place odds favoring the soldiers base their hopes in no small degree on that performance.

With two such teams in the running local fandom will be greatly disappointed if the boys of either or both clubs fail to dish up some real soccer. A record crowd for a local game is therefore expected, especially if weather conditions are favorable.

MIKE KING HAD A HARD TUSSELE WITH KAPOWSIN FIGHTER

Tacoma, March 1.—Mick King, Australian middleweight champion, and Frank Farmer, of Kapowsin, fought one of the fastest six-round bouts to date ever seen in the northwest here last night. Farmer put up the fight of his life, bewildering King in the first three rounds, but the Antipodean boy finished strong and was the stronger at the end of the bout. Mike King, of Seattle, won a six-round decision over Harry Anderson, of Vancouver, in the second main event. Pete was the aggressor all the way, with Anderson cleverer. The decision was unpopular with the great majority.

CALIFORNIA WINNING.

Stanford University, Cal., March 1.—The University of California won a three-game series of basketball last night, when it defeated Stanford for the final game, twenty-six to seventeen. Stanford won the first game.

WILL OPEN MAY 1.

Milwaukee, March 1.—The 1918 American Association season will open May 1, and close about September 22. The clubowners at the annual scheduled meeting here voted to adopt a 146-game schedule instead of 154.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES TO BE PLAYED HERE

Junior Provincial Basketball Series to Start on March 30

The announcement has been made by Physical Director James Thompson, of the local Y. M. C. A., that the British Columbia Junior Basketball Championships will be played off in this city commencing March 30. The games will be contested at the local association gymnasium.

The following are the classes entered in the series: Class A—Boys under eighteen, weight not to exceed 135 pounds stripped; Class B—Boys under eighteen, weight not to exceed 125 pounds stripped; Class C—Boys under eighteen, weight not to exceed 110 pounds stripped.

Last year the team trophies and medals were won by the following clubs: 135 pounds, New Westminster Y. M. C. A.; 125 pounds, New Westminster Y. M. C. A.; 110 pounds, King Edward High School, Vancouver.

BASEBALL FEVER IS STRONG NOW AMONG CAMP LEWIS BOYS

Camp Lewis, March 1.—The baseball fever struck Camp Lewis with a vengeance to-day, the first really warm spring day of the year, and there were games going on in every spot where there was room to swing a ball club. The men in the trenches came out for baseball along with their noonday meal and every bit of the Young Men's Christian Association equipment was in use.

The first game of the season was played between the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 36th Infantry yesterday afternoon and resulted in a four-run to six victory for the 2nd Battalion team.

The democracy of sports at Camp Lewis was well illustrated in the game, with Major Fuller playing first base for the 2nd Battalion, along with privates and other officers of his command. On the 1st Battalion team three captains looked after the outfield positions.

FIVE LEADERS STILL AHEAD IN AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS

Cincinnati, March 1.—The five leaders in the individual and two-men events at the American Bowling Congress tournament here yesterday were unshaken. Only mediocre bowling was in evidence among those classes: In the singles, F. Hess, of Dayton, Ohio, rolled 634 for the high score of the day, while A. Penfield, of Springfield, Ohio, was second with 625.

The leaders are: Individuals—C. Wagner, Newark, N.J., 680. Two-men teams—Steers and Thoma, Chicago, 1,335.

Five-men teams—Aguilas Cigars, St. Paul, 3,022.

\$200,000 SAID TO BE INVOLVED IN SALE OF 'FRISCO BALL CLUB

San Francisco, March 1.—The San Francisco team of the Pacific Coast Baseball League formally changed ownership yesterday when the papers in the transfer were signed. According to G. A. Putnam, of Sacramento, one of the new owners, more than \$200,000 was paid. His associates are Charles R. Graham, of Sacramento, who will manage the team, and Dr. Charles H. Strub, of this city.

Henry Berry, former owner, has not announced his plans for the future, but it is said that he may become interested in baseball in the Northwest.

IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.

1918—Tommy Murphy defeated Owen Moran in twenty rounds at San Francisco.

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THE WEATHER

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EDUCATING PUBLIC ON INSURANCE PROBLEMS

Federation of Province, With Local Branch, Has Ambitious Programme

Victoria underwriters are taking considerable interest in the work of the Insurance Federation of British Columbia, an organization which is about two years old and comprises all classes of insurance men, as well as those not actively associated in underwriting risks. It is open not only to those who have special associations like the life underwriters, but to all insurance men whether engaged for board or non-board companies.

The main object of the body is to explain the position of insurance to the general public and clear away doubts and criticism which come from lack of knowledge. The Victoria branch has a representative membership and already good results have been derived.

William Thompson, vice-president of the Federation, a manager for British Columbia of a well-known fire company, has put the case very clearly on this matter. He says:

"There is unquestionably a good deal of work to be done in the dissemination of reliable information among the general public, many of whom are prejudiced against insurance companies generally. Prejudice cannot exist in an atmosphere of knowledge, and the Federation is anxious to clear up many misunderstandings now existing, and I feel sure that with a carefully-thought-out programme they will succeed in freeing the insurance business from unjust criticism.

"Many people, for instance, believe that fire underwriters boards are combined to unduly raise and maintain fire insurance rates.

The Brigades Good. "It is generally admitted that the fire brigades of Canada and the United States are the most expensive, efficient and modern in the world. It is to be so, why is it that the fire-waste in Canada and the United States remains at the same appalling and ever-increasing total—the per capita cost being unequalled anywhere? "European fire losses are a mere fraction of the North American record—the reason being that the former Governments by their laws fixing the doctrine of personal responsibility, legislate to suppress fires, whereas on this continent a man may have deliberately fired his premises and started a conflagration that destroyed

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

VICTORIA TAXPAYERS

ORDER RE TAX PAYMENTS I am authorized by the City Council to accept payments by instalments or by payments from time to time on account, of the rates and taxes due by any person, or due in respect of any parcel of land. This authority is extended to include unpaid special assessments and special rates imposed in respect of works of local improvement as provided by Section 43 of the Local Improvement Act. EDWIN C. SMITH Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C. City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 4th February, 1918.

Painting Fire Apparatus

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 1918, for the painting and varnishing of several pieces of fire apparatus. Specifications can be obtained at the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Painting Fire Apparatus." Each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque for five per cent of the amount of the tender, made payable to the City Treasurer. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. W. GALT, City Purchasing Agent.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

Notice Under Section 38. TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Eslie Munro as the owner in fee-simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt to Eslie Munro, bearing date the 20th day of November, A.D. 1917, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Collector on or about the 1st day of September, 1916, or about the 1st day of September, 1916, of all and singular certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the District of Esquimalt, more particularly known and described as: Lot 6, of part of Suburban Lot 2, Map 61A.

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I direct that service of this notice may be made by publication in The Victoria Daily Times twelve consecutive issues. Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of November, A.D. 1917. J. C. GWYNN, Registrar-General. To G. H. Stewart Esq., Assessed Owner.

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Harry Holmes Accompanied Both's Forces in Entire Campaign

The story of British conquest in German South West Africa is one of the most attractive in the history of the entire war in the opinion of Harry Holmes, the veteran Y. M. C. A. war secretary who addressed the Rotary Club yesterday on the subject of Association work in France.

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CARD OF THANKS. We, the undersigned, tender our heartfelt thanks to all and sundry our many kind friends who sent flowers, letters and other tokens of sympathy to us in our time of trouble.

That numerous sections of the wrecked line were mined.

Botha's task of advancing was no slight one. His columns consisting of 10,000 troops were invading a tropical desert destitute of water, save that which was transported by ship from Cape Town and then conveyed overland to the thirsty men.

The mission of Professor Paul Boving, of the B. C. University staff, with A. McMeans, the Dominion expert on seed raising, concludes, so far as Vancouver Island is concerned, to-day.

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OPPOSITION MEMBERS

BUSY WITH QUESTIONS

Mr. Bowser and Mr. Ross Concerned About Number of Matters

Legislative Press Gallery, March 1.

The Orders of the Day bristles with questions from the members of the Opposition. The member for Port George, former Minister of Lands, is anxious to know how many appointments, temporary and permanent, have been made by the Minister of Finance since the latter took office, salaries paid to each, and how many were returned soldiers.

The Leader of the Opposition has a budget of queries among which is the desire to know the full cost of the Vancouver Plugging Commission. He also asks the Attorney-General what progress has been made in the two suits of the Attorney-General against the assurance companies in respect to the Dominion Trust bonds, and when they will come to trial.

The cost of the Port George election inquiry and the amount paid to counsel Mr. Bowser is also anxious about. Hon. John Hart is asked to enlighten Mr. Bowser as to the Government's borrowings and the cost.

What has the Land Settlement Board achieved since its creation is concerning W. R. Ross and the Minister of Agriculture is asked to throw some light on its doings. The Minister is asked by the ex-Minister of Lands how many settlers have been placed on Crown Lands through the efforts of the Board.

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ELECTION RETURNS ARE NOW COMPLETE

With All Overseas Figures in, Unionists Have Majority of Sixty-Eight

Ottawa, March 1.—Returns of soldiers' votes taken in England for Ontario and Alberta received at noon today by W. F. O'Connor, the General Returning Officer, complete the election results. Leaving the Yukon, in regard to which there is a dispute over the soldiers' vote, and Nelson, Man., where the election is deferred, out of the calculations, the Government now has a majority of sixty-eight. Today's figures for Ontario put South Perth and Nipissing in the Government column. Harold, Liberal-Unionist, has been elected in Brant over Cockshutt, the straight Conservative. There are no changes recorded for Alberta.

Hon. Frank Oliver has been defeated in West Edmonton by a majority of about 2,700.

In South Perth, Dr. Steele, Unionist, received 118 soldier votes in England, making his total 2,374. Forrester, his opponent, with only three soldiers' votes, has 2,718.

Harrison, Unionist in Nipissing, with 408 soldier votes, has a total of 6,411. Lapiere, his opponent, with fifty soldier votes, has a total of 6,367.

Martin's total in South Renfrew, with 247 soldiers' votes, is 2,183, while Pedlow, Liberal, with twenty-six soldiers' votes, has a total of 2,923.

In Port William and Rainey River, Manion obtained 639 and Dennis 139. In Port Arthur and Kenora, Keefer obtained 509 and Dunbar ten.

PRISONERS TAKEN IN MESOPOTAMIAN FIELD

British Patrols Busy; Parliament Will Grant Lady Maude £25,000

London, March 1.—An official report dealing with the operations in Mesopotamia issued here last night said: "Since our occupation of Khana Buzayat on February 20 our patrols have been in contact with the Turks near Hit and some prisoners have been taken. Our aircraft have attacked camps and billets near Hit and on the upper Diala."

For Lady Maude. London, March 1.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—In the House of Commons yesterday the Prime Minister presented the following message from the King, which the Speaker read: "His Majesty, taking into consideration the eminent services of Major-General Sir Frederick Maude while in command of His Majesty's forces during the campaign in Mesopotamia, and being desirous, in recognition of those services, of honoring him, His Majesty recommends to his faithful Commons that he should be enabled to grant Lady Maude a sum of £25,000." The reading of the message was followed by cheers.

The grant to Lady Maude will be moved on Monday.

RAILWAY RATE CASE ARGUED AT OTTAWA

Ministers Hear Contentions for and Against Increases Recently Ordered

Ottawa, March 1.—The railway companies submitted their case at the continued hearing to-day of the appeal to the Cabinet against the increased railway rates granted by the Railway Board. The members of the Government present were: Hon. N. W. Rowell, who presided; Sir George Foster, Hon. F. B. Carvell, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. A. L. Sifton, Hon. T. W. Crothers, Hon. J. A. Calder, Hon. G. D. Robertson, Hon. T. A. Crerar, Hon. J. D. Reid and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne. Henry Waters, Dominion President of the Retail Merchants' Association, spoke first in support of the appeal. He submitted figures which he claimed, showed the present freight rates paid. If the passenger traffic in certain divisions were not paying, he said, the passenger rates in those divisions should be increased instead of a general increase in freight rates. Mr. Waters submitted that the Government was having mail carried at less than cost and urged that transportation passes should be abolished.

He also suggested a conference between the railroads, express companies, retail merchants and the Government for the purpose of securing data as to how far increased freight rates were justified.

C. N. R. Counsel. F. H. Phippen, K.C., counsel for the C. N. R., reviewed the circumstances which led to the order of the Railway Commission authorizing the increase in rates. Since 1914, he said, there had been a continuous increase in the cost of operation of railways. The companies, hoping that the increase would prove more or less temporary, had struggled with it as best they could until about a year ago. Then costs took a leap upward. The companies saw that unless they had some relief it would be impossible for them to meet their obligations and to continue to operate the roads.

It was admitted that the cost of materials and labor had greatly increased and that the railroads had asked the Railway Commission to take quick action. "I have failed to find any argument advanced," Mr. Phippen declared, "why the judgment of the Railway Commission should be disturbed."

VANCOUVER FINES AT A HIGH LEVEL

In February Police Court Beat All Records Since Year 1913

Vancouver, March 1.—A remarkable record going right back for any one month to the boom year of 1913 was established by the police court fines imposed in Vancouver during the month ended yesterday, the total amount for all offences being \$8,850, of which offences under the Prohibition Act netted the extraordinary sum of \$3,500. With the exception of January last, which held the record since the boom days, the record of the month just closed was roughly about double that of any other month for a year past. The fines under the Prohibition Act in themselves were in excess of the totals for all offences for many of the months during the past twelve months. Seventy-eight persons were charged under the Act, which was an increase of eight over the month of January and a remarkable increase over the entire month of the dry season. In no case was a prison sentence passed, for no charges of selling liquor were sustained during the period.

The number of automobiles stolen during the month was thirty-one and all were recovered. Disorderly houses raided numbered eight, with twenty-four arrests, while there were nine arrests on opium points and thirty-six arrests under the Drug Act. Only one gambling house was raided, but there were seventy-six arrests and the bail money in one case, not yet decided, amounted to \$1,975.

CAPT. BAILEY, TORONTO, WILL FACE A MILITARY COURT, IT IS STATED

Toronto, March 1.—After the civil authorities are through with Captain George T. Bailey, whose statements alleging drunkenness among the Canadian soldiers in the trenches on Christmas Day resulted in his arrest yesterday, the military authorities intend to follow up the matter. Colonel H. C. Bickford, who is acting general officer commanding the Toronto District in Major-General Logie's absence, states that the military men strongly disapprove of the statements made by Bailey. All possible aid and co-operation would be given to the civil authorities in their prosecution of Bailey, it was stated. After the civil process was completed, Captain Bailey's statement would be made the subject of a court of inquiry and it might result in his being deprived of his rank. The military authorities did not desire to take any action of their own until the civil prosecution was completed, it was said.

JOHN REDMOND, IRISH LEADER, OPERATED ON IN LONDON TO-DAY

London, March 1.—John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, was operated on in London to-day. His condition is satisfactory.

ITALIANS IN CANADA AND THE ARMY ACT

Toronto, March 1.—The status of Italian citizens under the Military Service Act is to be thoroughly threshed out by the Dominion police here as a test case for all Canada. Two arrests were made by the authorities here yesterday. The Department of the Attorney-General and the Italian consul will be asked to take an interest in the case.

PATRONAGE SCORED BY TORONTO PROFESSOR

Toronto, March 1.—The patronage system in Canada to-day is far worse than it has ever been in the United States, declared Prof. G. M. Wrong at an Empire Club luncheon here yesterday. He said that the business men should form themselves into an organization with the object of requiring their political leaders to redeem election pledges and perform the tasks which belonged to them for the greater happiness of all the people.

ORGAN OF VATICAN ON HERTLING'S SPEECH

Paris, March 1.—The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, declared itself fully satisfied with the Imperial German Chancellor's speech, according to a Rome dispatch. It remarked that Chancellor von Hertling accepts the principal points in the Pope's proposal and with regard to Belgium, it pointed out that Germany shows herself disposed to treat with the Hapsburg Government on the basis of the Pope's former proposals.

AMERICAN FRONT.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 28.—(Via London, March 1.)—(By the Associated Press)—Swift retribution has fallen upon the German batteries which this week bombarded the American trenches northwest of Toul with gas shells. American heavy artillery concentrated its fire on the German mine-warfare batteries for half an hour to-day, and obliterated the position.

Many direct hits with high explosive shells were made by the American gunners. Timbers were thrown high in the air and explosions, probably of enemy ammunition and gas, resulted. The ground about the German batteries was churned upside down, and if there were any German soldiers there they certainly suffered.

Thus far six Americans have died from the effects of the German gas shells. More than eighty are in hospitals suffering from gas poisoning. Most of these cases, however, are slight and only one man is reported to be in a grave condition.

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Table of Montreal Stock prices with columns for High, Low, and Last prices for various stocks like Amos Holden, Bell Telephone, Brazilian Traction, etc.

NEW YORK MARKET

Dullness Developed on Declines To-day; Railroad Stocks Were Firm

Table of New York Market stock prices with columns for High, Low, and Last prices for various stocks like Allis-Chalmers, Am. Beet Sugar, Am. Can. Co., etc.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Table of Winnipeg Market trading prices with columns for Open and Close prices for various commodities like Cash prices, Oats, Barley, etc.

NEW YORK BOND MARKET

Table of New York Bond Market prices with columns for Bid and Asked prices for various bonds like Anglo-Fr., U.S. 5, 1918, U.S. 5, 1919, etc.

NEW YORK CURE

Table of New York Cure prices with columns for Bid and Asked prices for various commodities like Canada Copper, Elk, City Service, etc.

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SCHOOL DELEGATION TO MEET GOVERNMENT

Vancouver Board Will Ask Increased Allowance Toward Teachers' Salaries

Vancouver, March 1.—Changes in the educational law of the province will be pressed by a big Vancouver delegation at Victoria shortly. The greater part of the local School Board, supported by delegates from several public and semi-public bodies, will invade the Capital and talk matters over with the Government and the Department of Education. The School Board attaches the greatest importance to the points to be raised with the Government, and to impress the Government with the need for immediate action has invited support from other bodies.

The first big point that will be pressed upon the Government is a claim for more assistance in the way of the Government grant toward the salaries of teachers. It is the claim of the Board that the Government is not bearing enough of the cost of the salaries of the teachers, and that with increasing salaries relief is needed in that direction to allow the Board to carry on the city schools and keep within the estimates.

In connection with this the Government would be asked to grant the same proportion of the pay of school doctors, dentists and nurses as in the case of teachers.

BOLSHEVIKI CALL FOR FOOD FOR DEFENCE OF CITY OF PETROGRAD

London, March 1.—A Russian wireless message gives the text of another proclamation to all Russians, appealing for the utmost resistance to the Germans and ordering the food-producing provinces to send as much food as possible to Petrograd and Moscow. The appeal says: "The capital of the revolution will have to resist a long siege, but it will not capitulate until the last moment. To this end it needs the utmost assistance in regard to food. You must not permit the starvation of revolutionary Petrograd."

BRITISH STEAMSHIP TIBERIA SENT DOWN BY GERMAN U BOAT

New York, March 1.—The British merchant steamship Tiberia, of 4,839 tons gross, owned by the Anchor Line, was sunk by a German submarine about February 27 while bound for this port, according to information received in shipping circles to-day. The crew was rescued.

MEASURE DESIGNED TO INCREASE U. S. ARMY

Washington, March 1.—The administration amendment to the law bringing men through the United States as they reach the age of twenty-one under the army draft act, was brought up in the Senate to-day as emergency legislation for immediate passage, but finally was put over until to-morrow.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK IS IN STATES NOW


New York, March 1.—The Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of York, Primate of England, who arrived at an Atlantic port last night, came to New York to-day en route to Washington, where he will call on President Wilson. On Thursday the distinguished guest will be greeted in Carnegie Hall, in this city, at a patriotic mass meeting. Among the speakers will be Governor Charles S. Whitman, the Rt. Rev. David H. Greer, Bishop of New York, and Elhu Root.

WOUNDED IN FOOT

Bombardier J. C. Lowe Was Previously in Office of the Provincial Secretary. Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowe, of 15 Bushby Street, that their youngest son, Bombardier J. C. Lowe, is in No. 5 Field Ambulance Hospital with gunshot wounds in the left foot, sustained February 21. Bombardier Lowe left here with the 15th Brigade, C. F. A., May, 1918, subsequently transferring to the 35th Battery, 11th Brigade, with which unit he has served in France. He was formerly employed in the office of the Provincial Secretary here. The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe have all seen active service in the present war. The eldest, Pte. George F. Lowe, is with the No. 5 Can. Gen. Hospital; the second son, Gunner A. F. Lowe, C. F. A., was wounded near Ypres, and has been invalided home.

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A Second Offence.—George Jenkins, proprietor of the Prairie Hotel at Saanichton, to-day was fined \$200 and costs for selling liquor, in contravention of the Prohibition Act. This is the second conviction.

Fires Across Gorge Waters.—James Simpson was fined \$5 in the Provincial Police Court to-day, on a charge of discharging fire arms across the waters of the Gorge. Some pellets wedged in a building forming part of the Craigflower School structures, near where children from the school were playing.

MEMBER DECLARES FOR A CLOSED-UP TIGHT COMMUNITY

George Bell, M. P. P., Speaks at Annual Lord's Day Alliance Meeting

EVIL FLAUNTS ITSELF DECLARES PRESIDENT

"Not more laws, but the better enforcement of those we have in the present need, and I for one am in favor of a closed up tight town," declared George Bell, M. P. P., addressing the annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, held in the First Presbyterian Church last evening. Loose measures were intolerable. The speaker was a firm champion of the rigid enforcement of the law. The enforcement of the Lord's Day Act meant a closed town and the majority of the people, in the speaker's opinion, wanted it closed.

Mr. Bell refreshed the memory of his audience by briefly reciting the incidents recently before the public when negotiations were opened between the Police Commissioners and the Attorney-General's Department. The Mayor wished the consent of the Attorney-General to prosecute bars selling near beer on Sunday, but the Minister had pointed out that fruit-stands were also engaged in a similar trade.

Shake Dice.

Mr. Bell then proceeded to denounce the Greek, Italian and Chinese stands which under present conditions carried on their Sunday trade not merely in fruits, but frequently in general groceries. That such traffic was allowed was gross injustice to the law-abiding citizen whose store was locked from Saturday night until Monday morning. Affairs were getting so pretty bad state when Sunday school boys could go direct from their Bible class and shake dice over a counter for cigars. "It will take courage on the part of our Police Commissioners, but I believe they can give us a closed town."

Sunday Paper.

"But what of the Sunday morning Colonist," queried the speaker. If it was a case of cancelling that day's publication in order to have a closed town, then Mr. Bell was ready to forego his Sunday morning paper. He saw no reason, however, why a little common sense could not be exercised. Might not the clerks in hotels be permitted to keep a pile of the Sunday issue so that the patron on the Sabbath morn might step up and quietly place his nickel in exchange for the journal. Of course such a plan would be called discrimination. "Well," concluded Mr. Bell, "if that scheme will not work I'll do without my Sunday paper."

Referring to the Mayor's suggestion that the power of granting permission for prosecution under the Lord's Day Act be transferred from the Attorney-General to the Police Commissioners, Mr. Bell expressed himself favorably on the merits of local control. He was in favor of any change that would cease to make the matter a football

between the Government Buildings and the City Hall.

Dr. Huestis Speaks.

Dr. Huestis, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance for Alberta and British Columbia, took exception to the view of the previous speaker, suggesting that amendment might be advisable in connection with the granting of power to prosecute. In Alberta it was considered as a point of merit that cases should be viewed by the Attorney-General, a competent authority, before introduction to the courts.

Dr. Huestis recalled to mind the suggestion that a referendum be taken yearly to decide whether the Lord's Day Act should be enforced. Such a suggestion was absurd. The Lord's Day Act was a part of the criminal code. In view of the fact, further comment on that phase of the subject was quite unnecessary. Considering, too, that the Act was a Dominion law, sectional legislation was inadvisable. It seemed to the speaker that in such cases, as for instance, the sale of gasoline on Sunday, the courts should be given an opportunity to decide. He felt the ruling would be that the sale was a necessity.

"You cannot make a law; you can only discover it. Ages ago man found that a rest day was necessary in every seven. French authorities some time ago, following the decimal system, attempted to institute a day of rest in ten. The movement was a failure."

Band Concerts.

It was the doctor's opinion that on the State rested the duty of giving music that day of rest. It was not the duty of law to interfere with the individual's method of spending Sunday so long as he did not occasion unnecessary work to others. Furthermore the State should recognize that music was religious, and on one day the Church was entitled to the right-of-way. Alluding to the Sunday band concerts in this city, the speaker understood that the members were accustomed to practice in the morning preparatory to the evening's programme. They were thus deprived of the opportunity of attending church. "We are fed up on entertainment," asserted the doctor, "we have them every other day in the week; give the Church right-of-way on Sunday. People who tell us this is an antiquated Act, unsuitable to present-day conditions are throwing dust in the air."

Lid Now Off.

President H. G. Howell made reference to the gulf created between the Attorney-General's Department and the Board of Police Commissioners, respecting enforcement of the Act. He felt that it would be bridged eventually; in the meantime the lid was off and business went on as usual. Evil again flaunted itself on the Lord's Day. The speaker alluded to the work that had been accomplished during the year. He looked forward to the time when cigar, fruit and news stands would be closed on Sunday. He had no objection to offer to the pharmacy remaining open for legitimate drug business, but lamented that such a store stooping to the level of a light refreshment parlor employing many girls, should serve the public on the Sabbath. Man was entitled to a sane interpretation of the Act. If man's pleasure involved work on the part of others it was a case of law violation. Mr. Howell pictured the return of the boys from France. Were they to find a Sabbath observing city, or another "gay Paree."

The Resolution.

The following resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Clay and seconded by the Bishop of Columbia was carried unanimously:

"The Victoria branch of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, in annual meeting assembled, reiterates its profound convictions of the wisdom and justice of the principles underlying the Lord's Day Act, declares its opinion that in the present day of incessant nervous strain and relentless physical demands, the application of that act is of supreme importance to the welfare of our people, and hereby calls upon the various officials of the city and Province upon whom the responsibility rests properly to enforce said act."

Officers.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, F. W. Davie; secretary, Rev. Wm. Stevenson; treasurer, Dr. William Russell. The ministers of the City will again form the list of vice-presidents, while the executive committee will include the officers, ministers and one lay representative from each congregation.

Candy the Universal Food.—Candy is a good food, pure and wholesome. It is the universal food; it speaks all languages; it gives these tears in the eyes of little children and wreathes the faces of old age in smiles; it is the unspoken message from the lover to his sweetheart; it brings joy to the home; it is the advance agent of happiness in every clime. Can so much be said of any other kind of food. Wiper's specialties are noted for their originality. For nourishment and sustenance they lead the way. Special for week-end cocoanut Japs, 25c per lb. Take home some Wiper's candies; none more pure. Fourteen gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas awarded for excellence of quality. Wiper & Co., 1210 Douglas and 607 Yates St.

Held Missionary Meeting.—The Women's Mission Circle of Emmanuel Baptist Church, held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Sherwood on Wednesday afternoon. The treasurer and secretary presented very gratifying reports showing good work being done by the society during the past year. Miss Smith, of the Oriental Home, addressed the ladies, giving a very interesting account of her work among the Orientals in the city. At the close of the meeting light refreshments were served.

Bank Clearings for February.—Bank clearings to the amount of \$1,512,862 passed through the Victoria Clearing House during the week ending February 28. The total clearings for the month were \$6,718,129, as against \$5,459,755 in February, 1917, \$5,209,323 for 1916 and \$5,956,874 in 1915.

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STANDING COMMITTEES ARE NOW ANNOUNCED

Hon. John Oliver Tables List and Personnel This Afternoon

Legislative Press Gallery, March 1.

At this afternoon's session of the House the Hon. John Oliver, Acting Premier and Minister of Agriculture, announced that the undesignated standing committees for 1918 had been duly selected, moving the customary resolution in respect of them:

Private Bills and Standing Orders.—Messrs. Jackson, Whiteside, M. A. Macdonald, Anderson, Thompson, Ross, Rose.

Mining.—Messrs. Thompson, Manson, Nelson, Buckingham, Fisher, Mobje, Sutherland, Walters, Hall, Weart, Yorton, Willson, Cowper, Hawthornthwaite, MacKenzie, Ross, Schofield, Rose, A. Macdonald, Wallis.

Railways.—Messrs. Hall, Anderson, Cowper, Sutherland, McGeer, Pauline, Hawthornthwaite, Ross, MacKenzie, Jones.

Public Accounts.—Messrs. Pauline, M. A. Macdonald, K. C. Macdonald, Fisher, Mobje, Weart, Wallis, Jones, Bowser.

Municipal Matters.—Messrs. Bell, Whiteside, Weart, Walters, Willson, Mrs. M. E. Smith, Schofield, Jones, MacKenzie.

Agriculture.—Messrs. K. C. Macdonald, Barrow, McGeer, Stewart, Yorton, Jones, Wallis, Mrs. M. E. Smith.

Printing.—Messrs. Manson, Nelson, Buckingham, A. Macdonald.

Win-the-War League.—A general meeting of the Win-the-War League will be held this evening in the Belmont block, when Dr. S. F. Toimie, M. P., will attend. Among various matters to be discussed will be the endorsement of the iron and steel projects and the situation with regard to the enforcement of the Military Service Act.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles. First application gives relief.

One Soldier Returned.—Pte. J. A. Sweeney returned to the city from overseas this afternoon.

In Progress To-day.—This afternoon in the City Police Court the trial of Harry Warren on a charge of stealing silk from a warehouse at the Outer Wharf is proceeding.

Victoria Women's Liberal Association.—A meeting of the Victoria Women's Liberal Association will be held on Monday, March 4, at 8 p. m., at the Arcade Building. There will be a question box, also a paper will be read dealing with the subject of Norman Angell's latest book. All interested are invited to attend.

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Preliminary Notice

Messrs. Stewart Williams & Co.

Duly instructed by the Executors of the late Mrs. Francis B. Wilson, will sell by Public Auction, at her late residence, 1147 Fairfield Road, near Cook Street,

Tuesday, March 5th

Household Furniture and Effects

Full particulars to-morrow or from The Auctioneer, STEWART WILLIAMS, 410 and 411 Sayward Bldg. Phone 1324.

SALE NO. 1408.

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Thursday and Friday March 7th and 8th

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Instructed by Mrs. Bertha Trackwell we will sell at the residence 515 Fowl Bay Road, at the end of Fowl Bay Car Line.

Tuesday, March 5, 2 p. m.

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consisting of Weber Player Piano and Music, F. O. Sittingroom Furniture, Victor Victrola with Records, Mah. Dining-room Furniture, Massive Cirrusian Bedroom Furniture, Mah. Bedchamber Furniture, Hand Made Persian and Indian Carpets, All Brass Beds, Outdoor Moor Matress, Elec. Cooking Stove, etc. Full particulars later.

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COMMISSIONER HOME FROM THE OKANAGAN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Grant Finds Conditions in Horticulture Encouraging for Increasing Sales

Okanagan growers are preparing to do their share in the increased production movement, according to James A. Grant, Prairie Market Commissioner, who returned on Wednesday from a visit to the various districts.

Orchardists are busy pruning for the coming season. There is a decreased acreage expected in onions and potatoes and an increase in tomatoes. The latter will show 100 per cent. increase, contracts being made with the canners at \$20 per ton for deliveries. This price compares with \$14 per ton in normal times. The labor shortage is causing a considerable amount of anxiety. It is expected to bring women from the coast cities and elsewhere to help get in the crop this year. Miss Perry is addressing meetings to ascertain information as to the needs in these lines. It looks, however, as if the necessary labor will be secured. Winter conditions have been good for the coming season, he states.

Greater Organization.

Mr. Grant says: "I'm impressed upon growers the need for greater organization to secure a more even distribution of products on the prairies, but since often there is a glut in some places while in others there is no supply at all. Individual shippers are refusing to quote prices until the season advances enough to warrant some estimate of the crop. It is intended to charge consumers a price equal to that paid the retail trade, in order to protect their market, so that the wholesale man will also have something for handling the crop.

The vegetable situation is not so bad as is represented. Growers of onions who did not ship last fall realize that they were not wise in holding back. Large quantities of present stocks will be shipped to outlying points on the prairies as soon as the weather opens. The potatoes are not as good as might be expected, a considerable number being rotten. There is a brisk demand from Alberta and Saskatchewan. When the seedtime comes round it may be found that potatoes will be selling round \$40 a ton."

To Calgary in May.

Mr. Grant expects to open up for the season in Calgary in May, and will later make a visit to the eastern provinces to initiate negotiations looking to business in that section. He expects to see more British Columbia fruit sold of the better grades in 1918 than hitherto, and says that with the improved organization the selling end will see considerable development. The car shortage in the fall will be more severely felt in the United States than in Canada, thus helping British Columbia growers in competition with Washington fruit. So far as organization is concerned, he has been pointing out that the deficiency lies in British Columbia rather than on the prairies and he has been urging growers to rectify this deficiency.

Mr. Grant mentions as an indication of the demand for soft fruits that the Mission-Hazic Association has placed its supply of jam fruit, insofar as strawberries and raspberries are concerned, at ten cents a pound, as compared with nine cents secured by the Gordon Head growers.

SPEAKER TO TALK ON ELECTORAL REFORM

General Secretary of Proportional Representation League is Here To-day

C. G. Hoag, General Secretary of the American Proportional Representation League, who arrived in the city to-day to speak at two meetings, is regarded as the best equipped man in the United States for making public addresses on Proportional Representation. He has been able to make the intricate subject simple and clear to large bodies of people drawn from all classes of society. The Hoag system will be explained by Mr. Hoag. For some years Mr. Hoag has made a specialty of addressing various public bodies on the principles and methods of electoral reform. He has devoted himself recently to this subject almost exclusively. He has spoken on it before many audiences, including the City Clubs of Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, and Cincinnati, the Commerce Club, of Toledo; the University Elections of the Parliament of Canada, and a number of official Charter Commissions. He is the editor of The Proportional Representation Review and the author of many articles on proportional representation and preferential voting in The National Municipal Review, Equity, The American City, and other publications.

Mr. Hoag is the originator of the "Ashabula Plan" of city government, the manager plan with proportional representation for the Commission or Council. It was through his initiative, seconded by the local leadership of W. E. Boynton, that Ashabula, Ohio, incorporated proportional representation in its manager plan charter in 1915.

A graduate of Haverford College and an A. B. and A. M. of Harvard, Mr. Hoag was a college teacher for ten years before entering upon his work for electoral reform.

He is speaking to the Local Council of Women this afternoon, and at the Central Congregational Church this evening. Mayor Todd presides at the latter meeting.

Mining Operator Pleased With Beauty of Victoria; Taxation of Gold Properties

Praise has been handed out to this city's scenic attractions from every part of the world, by men who are well qualified to judge, and whose encomiums are valuable, but it is not often that a Los Angeles citizen will offer a gratuitous eulogy on the attractive conditions here. In J. L. Merrill, of the famous Californian city that has made itself by publicity development, Victoria finds a champion.

Like everyone who has played on the Oak Bay golf links, Mr. Merrill, is enchanted with the beauty of the landscape as viewed from the links, and after having had experience of courses in many parts of the world, he says few can rival the one herein.

Discussing the question of municipal links, Mr. Merrill states that the links if they are to popularize golf for the masses, must be convenient to a large proportion of population, with cheap means of transportation, because on account of the crowded character of the links under popular management the men who make a career as an avid golfer will continue to do so, and it is for the others that a municipality is justified in catering. Like other gentlemen who have played on the public links in Scotland, he agrees that they form a model to be copied when the construction of public links are contemplated here.

Mr. Merrill is interested in the Hedley Gold Mining Company, and is in the connection with the proposed mining taxation, being joined yesterday by G. P. Jones, of Hedley, to discuss the question with Ministers. Naturally with the fixed price of the precious product, and the increase in the cost of producing metals of all kinds, he is an advocate of special treatment of the gold mining industry in connection with taxation. Mr. Merrill points out that the Allied Governments must have gold and the production must be maintained, therefore the industry is entitled to special treatment as compared with metalliferous mines that are enabled to earn an advanced revenue through an increase in the value of their product.

PILOTAGE BOARD

Nanaimo Conference Approves Control by Central Organization Except for New Westminster.

At the conference at Nanaimo on Tuesday night on the subject of the pilotage board, which was attended by J. J. Shalcross and J. Kingham, from this city, as well as by representatives from Vancouver, and New Westminster, it was agreed that, on account of the conditions of the Fraser River, New Westminster should be left out of the proposed central combination. A resolution was carried approving of a central organization controlling the districts of Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver.

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- Room-Size Washable Bedroom Rugs Reduced**
- 2 only, 8 ft. x 10 ft. Worth \$29.50. Sale price \$17.95
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- Size 9x12, worth \$16.75. Saturday \$11.50
- Size 8x10, worth \$13.50. Saturday \$8.50
- Size 36x72 inches, worth \$2.75. On sale Saturday, each \$1.69
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- Cashmere Finish Hose, in good quality, seamless, double heels and toes. Price 35c, 3 for \$1.00
 - Fine Black Cashmere Hose, made without seams, extra spliced heels and toes. Sizes 9 to 10. Price, pair 60c
 - Fine White Cashmere Hose, sizes 9 to 10. Price, pair 65c
 - Penman's Black Cashmere Hose, in heavy quality, seamless throughout; all sizes. Price, pair, 65c
 - Penman's Black Cashmere Hose, fully fashioned and seamless. Sizes 9 to 10. Price, pair, 75c
 - Penman's Heavy Quality Black Cashmere Hose, elastic top, double heels and toes. Price, pair 60c
 - Penman's Pure Wool Hose, in medium and heavy qualities, seamless. Price, pair \$1.00
 - Penman's Outsize Pure Wool Hose. Price, pair \$1.25
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- Hosiery, Main Floor

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—Art Needlework, Main Floor

Just Arrived—A New Shipment of Swiss Embroideries for Spring Sewing

- Corset Cover Embroidery in good quality cambric, with pretty worked designs. Per yard 35c
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 - Fancy Edged Beadings, suitable for shoulder straps:
 - 1 1/2 inches wide. Per yard 20c
 - 2 inches wide. Per yard 30c
 - 3 inches wide. Per yard 35c
 - 9-inch Flouncing Embroidery, with open patterns on cambric. Special, yard 25c
 - Baby Flouncings, 28 inches wide, with dainty patterns on Swiss muslin. Special, yard 69c
 - Baby Flouncings, in better quality, various small designs to choose from. Per yard \$1.19
 - All-over Embroidery, 22 inches wide, in a variety of dainty patterns; suitable for fine underwear or baby yokes. Special, yard 88c
- Embroideries, Main Floor

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 - "Canada-Made" Longcloth—Longcloths made from long staple high-grade American cottons, fine in texture and of great wear-resisting quality. The most useful material for children's white-wear. Quite pure; 36 inches wide. Yard, 17c, 22c, 25c, 30c and 35c
 - "CANADA-MADE" NAINSOOKS
Nainsooks—These goods are somewhat lighter in weight than Longcloth and Madapolam, very finely woven and soft finish, for ladies desiring a cool fabric for summer garments this is very suitable; in two widths, 36 and 42 inches wide. Yard, 25c, 30c, 35c 40c
 - "CANADA-MADE" BLEACHED SHEETINGS
Bleached Sheetings of Quality—These Sheetings are manufactured from the best cotton. Specially recommended for hard wear.
 - 7-4 wide. Yard, 40c, 50c 60c
 - 8-4 wide. Yard, 45c, 60c 65c
 - 9-4 wide. Yard, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c 70c
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 - "Canada-Made" Madapolams—A lighter weight fabric of fine close weave, very durable, an exceptionally desirable material for general white-wear, universally worn by ladies who know; 36 inches wide. Yard, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c
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Unbleached Sheetings, plain and twill. This Sheetings is becoming very popular on account of its great strength and lower cost; washes white very easily.
 - 8-4 wide. Yard, 40c 45c
 - 9-4 wide. Yard, 45c, 50c 60c
 - 10-4 wide. Yard, 60c 65c
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